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Kuwait apprises big 5 of Iran raid

KUWAIT. Oct. 3 (Agencies) — Kuwait drew the attention of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council Saturday to the "grave consequences" resulting from Thursday's Iranian air strike against a Kuwait oil installation.

An official announcement said the ambassadors of the big five were summoned to the foreign ministry where they were briefed on the raid by Undersecretary Rashid Abdul Aziz Rashid. At the same time, the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al-Sabah presided over an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss the raid and to issue instructions to his ministers, announced the chief government spokesman Abdul Aziz Hussein.

Consideration of the Iranian air raid will be resumed during Sunday's regular weekly cabinet meeting, Hussein added. In a parallel development, Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al-Sabah presided over a meeting of the Supreme Defense Council to consider the same issue.

Meantime, Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah announced that Kuwait's oil production has not been affected by the damage to the oil gathering center at Umm Al Aiyah that was set on fire when three Iranian jets attacked it at dawn Thursday. The center 80 kms north of Kuwait city is used as a depot for oil pumped to it from eight oil wells in the region close to the Iraqi border.

Official Syrian sources said in Damascus Saturday Syria has joined other Arab states in expressing support for Kuwait if it is attacked. The offer was made by President Hafez Assad to the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, in a telephone conversation Friday night. Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Bahrain and Qatar have also offered to support Kuwait.

In Cairo, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry Saturday condemned the Iranian attack on Kuwaiti installations as a "dangerous aggravation of the situation," which threatened to widen the battle zone.

Meanwhile, Iraq Saturday warned Iran against any attempt to expand the Gulf war and reaffirmed its full support to Kuwaiti oil production. The agency quoted Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan as saying: "The Iranian aggression on Kuwait refutes allegations made by Iran's rulers that they are allies of the Arab nation."

INA said Ramadan told troops heading for the war with Iran: "Iraq warns Iran of trying to expand the battlefield ... and stands with all its resources on the side of Kuwait." Ramadan, who is also commander-in-chief of the Irregular People's Army, was quoted as saying: "Iraq affirms it stands on the watch against anyone trying to encroach on Arab national rights anywhere in the greater Arab homeland."

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ARMS DEAL : U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig (left) meets with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Saad Al-Faisal in New York Friday to discuss the \$8.5 billion arms deal.

As families intervene

IRA withdraws agitation

BELFAST, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — The seven-month hunger strike campaign for prison reforms by Irish Republican guerrillas in Belfast's Maze Jail has been called off, the prisoners said Saturday.

In a statement issued by supporters at the Republican Information Center in Belfast, the prisoners said they "reluctantly decided, in the seventh month, to end the fast." There was no official confirmation from the British government that the six prisoners now on hunger strike had asked for food. But a

spokesman said the government was checking the report that the campaign was over.

Ten convicted guerrillas of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) and Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) have starved themselves to death since the hunger strike began March 1. The British government which rules Northern Ireland has steadfastly refused to grant their demands, saying this would amount to giving them political status.

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, said Friday the families of five of the remaining six hunger strikers had decided that once the men went into a coma, they would seek medical help to save their lives. The prisoners' statement Saturday laid much of the blame for the failure of the hunger strike on pressure put on relatives by the Roman Catholic church hierarchy. It said this had stopped the hunger strike being an effective weapon against the British government.

Sinn Fein spokesman Richard McAuley told reporters Friday the British government was now under little or no pressure from the hunger strike and there was no point in its continuing. But he said it was up to the prisoners whether to abandon the fast.

The first person to die in the campaign was 27-year-old IRA guerrilla Bobby Sands. He won election to the British parliament from a largely Roman Catholic constituency three weeks before his death, drawing world attention to the prisoners' demands. The last of the ten died on Aug. 20 when INLA member Michael Devine starved himself to death after 60 days. Since then, publicity over the campaign has waned.

The hunger strike began in pursuit of political prisoner status for jailed guerrillas.

King receives pilgrim heads

JEDDAH, Oct. 3 (SPA) — King Khaled received in audience here Saturday the heads of the pilgrims' missions of Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, China and Tunisia. The meetings were attended by the ambassadors of the states represented. The King also received a number of telegrams from pilgrims thanking him and his government for the services and comforts they obtain and commanding the security provided by the government.

King Khaled sent a congratulatory cable to President Ahmad Seko Toure of Guinea on the occasion of the National Day.

In the meantime, The Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al Khalifa returned here from Medina for the pilgrimage. He was welcomed by Prince Majed, governor of Makkah, Gen. Mansour Al Shuaib, commander of the Western Region, a representative of the royal protocol and the director of King Abdul Aziz International Airport.

Khamenei gets landslide win

BEIRUT, Oct. 3 (AP) — Ali Khamenei, disciple of Ayatollah Khomeini, trounced his token opposition in Iran's presidential elections to become the republic's first clergyman head of state, according to reports Saturday from the official Iranian news media.

The Khomeini regime also claimed a military triumph over the country's rebellious Kurdish minority, declaring that government forces had wiped out the last urban stronghold of the fierce mountain tribesmen in northwestern Iran. On another front of the clergy-dominated government's campaign to settle opposition, 30 members of the left-wing Mujahedeen Khalq guerrilla organization were executed in the city of Isfahan after they were found guilty of insurgency against the Iranian Republic, Tehran radio announced.

Khamenei, one of Iran's powerful orators until injuries suffered in an attempt on his life left him with a hoarse sounding voice, won nearly 96 percent of the votes tallied so far in Friday's balloting. With 8,298,210 ballots counted from 121 cities — more than one-third of the country Khamenei had 7,961,952 votes, or 95.9 percent.

Education Minister Ali-Akbar Parvareh polled 147,850 votes, or 1.8 percent. The other candidates received less than one percent — Energy Minister Hassan Ghafouri-Fard had 27,175 votes and former Deputy Interior Minister Reza Zavarehie got 21,019. The remaining 140,175 votes — 1.7 percent — were declared invalid.

The tedious process of counting the handwritten paper ballots probably will not be finished before Thursday, interior ministry officials told the Associated Press. Saturday's election reports indicated that the Khomeini regime has achieved its objective of rallying the biggest voter turnout in the history of the two and one-half-year-old revolution, whose first president was fired and whose second was assassinated.

In the weeks preceding Friday's election, Khomeini and his top lieutenants had exhorted the 20 million eligible voters to show up at the polls to demonstrate to the outside world that the men and women of



CASTS VOTE : Hojatolislam Khamenei, who won the third presidential election in Iran, casting his vote in Tehran Friday.

Iran supported the 81-year-old Ayatollah Khomeini's campaign and the year-old war with neighboring Iraq.

In Iran's first presidential elections in January 1980, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr won 75.5 percent of the 14.24 million votes cast. Khomeini fired Bani-Sadr last June 22 culminating a year-long power struggle between the secular-minded president and his clergy-backed Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, that cleared the way for Rajai to be elected president July 24 when he won 88.1 percent of the 14.76 million votes cast.

Rajai's presidency lasted only a few days before he died with his prime minister in a firebomb assassination Aug. 30.

The election of Khamenei, a 42-year-old Hojatolislam (cleric), was never really in doubt. The state-run news media virtually ignored the other four Khomeini loyalists who were chosen to run against him, and one of those — Prime Minister Muhammad Reza Kani — dropped out of the campaign on election eve.

Death toll is 92 in Beirut blast

BEIRUT, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — Police said Saturday the death toll of a car bomb that blasted a block of residences in west Beirut had risen 92.

A police spokesman, who declined to be identified, said three victims died in hospital and six bodies were dug out from the debris Friday night in addition to the 83 who died in Sunday's explosion.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's second in command Khalil Wazir, code named Abu Jihad, reiterated Palestinian charges that Israel was behind the spate of anti-PLO bombings in Lebanon despite Israeli denials.

Wazir said in a statement distributed by the Palestine news agency Wafa that the death cars were all "rigged by Israeli explosive experts in two centers controlled by the Phalangist War Council" in east Beirut. Wazir said Lebanese agents recruited by the Israeli secret service through the Phalange Party drove the booby-trapped cars to their targets in Beirut and in southern Lebanon.

A total of 54 Palestinians and Lebanese lost their lives in a series of bombings in southern and northern Lebanon as well as Beirut in the two weeks before Thursday's blast in the densely populated Arab University neighborhood. The one square-kilometer area houses PLO headquarters as well as the main offices of his top security, political and military aides.

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Income hike by Charles irks Britons

LONDON, Oct. 3 (AP) — Prince Charles rejected the claim that two can live as cheaply as one when he hiked his income by £137,610 (\$250,450) a year, claiming he needs the extra money because of the cost of married life.

The tax-free 50 percent hike raises the annual income of the 32-year-old heir to the British throne, who married Lady Diana Spencer July 29, to £412,830 (\$751,350). His income is derived entirely from the Duchy of Cornwall, which consists of large estates in southwest England and property in London. Charles inherited the duchy on his 21st birthday by right of his title as Duke of Cornwall.

Unlike his mother Queen Elizabeth II and other members of the royal family, Charles is not included in the civil list payments of taxpayers' money that is handed over by the government and reviewed annually by Parliament.

Many belt-tightening Britons were less than sympathetic toward the royal couple's financial needs. Millions face a sharp increase in the cost of home mortgages and bank overdrafts because of a hike in interest rates this week. Four million workers are confronting government insistence that public sector pay hikes should be limited to four percent.

The tabloid *Sun* maintained the timing of Charles's announcement embarrassed the palace but a palace spokesman who, in accordance with British practice, declined to be named, refused to comment.

Member of parliament Willie Hamilton, a longtime royalist bather and a member of the opposition Labor Party, attacked Charles's income hike and said the Duchy of Cornwall should be nationalized.

The communist *Morning Star* made the increase front page news and placed it directly beneath a report about a threatened pay strike by 58,000 British Leyland auto workers. They have been offered a pay hike of around four pounds (\$7.28) a week on average wages of £100 pounds (\$36.40) a week.

Kingdom asserts stand on AWACS

By Staff Writers

JEDDAH, Oct. 3 — Saudi Arabia Saturday reiterated its rejection of any U.S. participation in operating the five AWACS radar planes it wants to buy from the United States. A statement issued here said that Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig held a meeting in New York Friday to discuss mutual interests.

The statement, quoting an official spokesman of the Foreign Ministry, said Prince Saud stressed at the meeting Saudi Arabia's position on the AWACS deal.

The spokesman said the following four points were emphasized to Haig by the Prince:

1 — The Kingdom is ready to adhere to the customary conditions acted upon normally in the letters of presentation and acceptance.

2 — The Kingdom is keen for security and safety of the equipment and welcomes understanding and cooperation in this respect.

3 — The Kingdom promises to use the AWACS planes within its own regional border.

4 — The Kingdom has no objection to exchanging information that is of interest to the security of the two contracting countries.

The spokesman said Prince Saud and Al Faisal clarified to Haig in New York that the Kingdom "does not accept any partnership as regards these planes."

After the meeting State Department spokesman Dean Fischer told reporters that he could not say whether their talks had made any progress.

"It wasn't the kind of meeting where forecasts or predictions were exchanged," Fischer said. Fischer said it was not significant that Haig did not make such a prediction at Friday's meeting.

The U.S. Congress is deeply divided on the issue. Fischer issued a statement on Haig's behalf after the meeting here. It appeared to be a summary of what the secretary of state said to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during testimony Thursday.

It said firm agreements existed with Saudi Arabia regarding security of information obtained by the AWACS, areas of operation and the sharing of information and said these "will be consummated as specific agreements as we implement the program."

Fischer said Haig will testify before the committee again on Monday.

Earlier President Ronald Reagan issued a stern warning Thursday that "it is not the business of other nations to make American foreign policy," which is an apparent reference to the heavy lobbying effort made by Israel to block the AWACS sale.

Speaking at his first press conference since June, Reagan reiterated the administration's stance that the AWACS radar plane and F-15 enhancement package proposal was made "because it significantly enhances our vital national security interests in the Middle

East." Reagan, in his opening statement, said the sale would build confidence in the United States as a reliable security partner, and it would improve the chance of the United States "working constructively with Saudi Arabia and other states of the Middle East toward our common goal: a just and lasting peace."

He emphasized the importance of congressional approval of the sale, saying that "other countries must not get a perception that we are being unduly influenced one way or the other in regard to our foreign policy."

Reagan's statements about the AWACS proposal were only part of the massive effort launched Thursday in conjunction with the formal notification sent to Congress that the administration still plans to go through with the sale. Haig and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger both testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Thursday afternoon, and Undersecretary of State James Buckley joined undersecretary of

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Saud's planned trip to Canada postponed

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's planned visit to Canada next Tuesday has been postponed, it was learned here Friday evening.

The prince conferred Friday with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, and Arab League Secretary General Chehli Kibli.

Saturday the prince attended three meetings of the Islamic group at the United Nations, foreign ministers of Arab countries and the Arab group to the Euro-Arab dialogue. The Arab panel also includes Morocco, Algeria, Kuwait, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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Majed approves Arafat schedule

Jazaeri tells king of health conditions

MAKKAH, Oct. 3 (SPA) — Arrangements for the ascent of Arafat were approved here Friday by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, who is also the president of the supreme supervisory committee of pilgrim transportation: Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, the minister of pilgrimage and endowments; and Public Security Chief Gen. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh.

The program will start on the eighth Dhul Hijjah (Tuesday, October 6). It was prepared by the executive committee for the control of pilgrim transportation headed by Pilgrimage Undersecretary Abdullah Bogus.

Earlier in the day, the Royal Court announced that the ascent of Arafat will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Eid ul Adha on Oct. 8. The statement said the dates were based on the sighting of the Dhul Hijjah crescent moon which was confirmed by the Supreme Council of Judicature. The moon was sighted by witnesses Tuesday evening.

The ascent of Arafat, which begins at dawn and ends at sunset, is the most significant part of the pilgrimage. Pilgrims leave Arafat for Muzdalifa and Mina the next day for a three-day stay. Eid ul Adha marks the first day pilgrims stay in Mina to offer sacrifice.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Abdul Wasie met Saturday with Rasheed Safar, Tunisian minister of health and head of his country's pilgrimage mission. The meeting was attended by Tunisian Ambassador to the Kingdom Chasem Bousmina. The officials discussed topics related to pilgrimage and pilgrims, and preparations made by the

Killer beheaded in Qurayyat

QURAYYAT, Oct. 3 (SPA) — A convicted murderer was beheaded here Friday after the noon prayers for shooting and killing his friend, according to an Interior Ministry statement.

The statement said the Khaled Harran Al-Anzi murdered Adil ibn Saleh Al-Taradi with nine shots. The shooting started by joking around after they drank alcohol outside the town. Anzi shot his victim with a pistol he had hidden in his pocket.

After committing the crime, the man moved his victim's body and buried him in a hole to destroy evidence. However, security men arrested the criminal and he confessed to his crime. He stood in front of the Qurayyat Court which passed a sentence to cut off his head with a sword until death. The sentence was supported by royal decree.

The interior ministry reaffirmed its determination to deal firmly with criminals and apply God's rules on them, the statement said.



ARAFAT: A file photo of last year's ascent of Arafat, the most important part of the pilgrimage, which this year will fall on Wednesday Oct. 7.

Kingdom this year.

In other pilgrimage news, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri sent a cable to King Khaled in which he reaffirmed that pilgrims and citizens in the holy places are living in good health conditions, and no outbreak of any epidemic disease has been reported so far.

Meanwhile, the number of cars that entered Makkah from 12 p.m. Thursday to 12 p.m. Friday totaled 46,027 vehicles, according to official statistics Saturday. Cars that entered the holy city during the same period of last year numbered 57,440 while those which left Makkah reached 44,350.

The number of vehicles, that entered the Kingdom carrying pilgrims from Aug. 15 to Oct. 2 reached 11,445 compared to 14,526 vehicles during the same period of last year.

Jeddah Islamic Port Pilgrimage Director General Muhammad Said Matbouli announced that the number of pilgrims who arrived at the port by Saturday had reached 60,000. He said the port has been equipped to receive any number of pilgrims to the day of ascent to Arafat.

Special teams have been stationed at the port to welcome the pilgrims, he said. Two ships entered the port bringing 1,570 pilgrims Friday. Concerned officials provide them with all the facilities to make the performance of the religious rites as easy and comfortable

as possible, Matbouli added.

Preparations for the pilgrimage and services to pilgrims are not restricted to official circles only. The Saudi Arabian Scout Society is participating with 374 scouts to work with the Ministry of Commerce, the Statistics Department and Makkah Municipality.

Yusuf Al-Jamaan, the society's treasurer and director general of administration at the Ministry of Education, said Saturday that 101 scouts and five leaders will join the ministry of commerce to check on prices in the holy places. They will make sure that official prices are observed in the markets, in addition, they will help in distributing ice bars to pilgrims at nominal prices.

Jamaan added that 50 scouts and three leaders will be involved with inspecting food prices. Another scout team will inspect the general cleanliness of streets, markets and restaurants. They society has contributed 123 scouts and six leaders to work with the statistics department in carrying out a survey on vehicles entering and leaving Arafat on Oct. 7.

The society has organized a series of seminars to be held every night on how scouts should serve pilgrims and guide them on the principles of pilgrimage. Scouts have camps at Arafat, Mina and Makkah every year from which they serve the pilgrims.

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Fajr (Dawn)	4:48	4:50	4:21	4:08	4:33	5:03
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:10	12:10	11:42	11:28	11:53	12:23
Asr (Afternoon)	3:33	3:34	3:05	2:51	3:16	3:45
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:07	6:07	5:38	5:24	5:49	6:18
Isha (Night)	7:37	7:37	7:08	6:54	7:19	7:48

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Committee to oversee Quran translation

MAKKAH, Oct. 3 (SPA) — The International Islamic Seminar, which wound up its tenth session here Friday evening, has set up a supreme committee of ulema and Quran specialists to prepare an accurate translation of the meanings of the Quran into all languages.

However, a statement at the end of the four-day session warned that no translation can match the richness of the Book or should hamper Muslims from trying to read the original text.

The seminar called on Muslim people and governments to abide by the Quran and follow the example of the Prophet's tradition in their everyday life to restore the glory of the Islamic world. It also urged all Arab and Islamic states to open more Quran memorization schools in the

same manner as Saudi Arabia and the Muslim World League. In addition, countries should allocate more time to their information media for the popularization of the Quran and Traditions and send more preachers abroad, the statement said.

The seminar requested the league to look after the implementation of these resolutions and recommendations, and MWL Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan thanked King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and the Saudi government for their assistance and support to the league. He also sent cables of thanks to the King and Crown Prince, on behalf of all those attending the seminar, for the arrangements made to ensure the success of the meeting and the hospitality extended the delegates since their arrival in Saudi Arabia.

Seminar members also called for the spread of positive views about Islam and providing Islamic universities with Qurans and Islamic cultural material for adults



(SPA photo)

TUNISIAN MINISTER: Prince Majed, the governor of Makkah receives the Tunisian minister of health who arrived Saturday to perform pilgrimage.

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SR186m contract let for welfare offices

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Oct. 3 — A contract of about SR186 million for the construction of the second phase of the headquarters of King Faisal Welfare Foundation was signed here Saturday.

Prince Khaled Al Faisal, director general of the foundation signed it with Heileit and Werner Bau A.G., which will undertake the job within the next 25 months, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

The project will be seven stories and include apartments, offices, private doctors' offices, conference rooms, indoor games, shops, car parks and other facilities.

The King Faisal Foundation was established by a royal order in 1976 by the son of the late King Faisal. The sons also contributed to the initial funding for the organization. The foundation's funds are invested to build up capital and reserves and the net income is used to support philanthropic programs, projects and grants.

In early September, Prince Khaled Al Faisal, the foundation's director general, said that revenues of the King Faisal Welfare Foundation amounted to SR354 million during the 1980 financial year. The announce-

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ment was made when the foundation's board of trustees met under the organization's president Prince Abdullah Al Faisal, elder son of the late King Faisal.

Prince Khaled told *Arab News* that SR309 million of the budget was in the form of aid in cash and SR45 million came from investments. Expenditures on projects and charity programs at the end of 1980 totaled SR12 million. The foundation's revenues during the first nine months of 1981 reached SR200 million, including SR130.5 million in cash aid. The balance of SR69.5 million represented the proceeds from investments.

The foundation also has set up a grant of ten scholarships for advanced studies for Muslim students, an increase in the value of annual awards and funds for cancer research worldwide. Prince Khaled said the scholarship program was to start operating this year and that the annual prizes will be increased to SR300,000 for service to Islam, SR250,000 for Islamic studies and SR250,000 for distinction in Arabic literature.

Earlier, fourth annual prize for excellence in medicine and sciences was added to the list of annual awards the foundation gives for works on Islam. The other three prizes given by the foundation are for the service to Islam, Islamic studies and Arabic literature.

In January, 1981, King Khaled was granted the King Faisal Islamic Services Award for 1981. The King won the award for his efforts in uniting Muslims, closing their ranks, protecting the holy places and working to enhance Islamic Sharia rule and spreading Islam.

The King Faisal International Award Committee referred in a statement to King Khaled's personal donations to help fulfill the mission of mosques, spreading Islam, appointing religious advocates and helping and defending Muslim minorities in the world.

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Technical design training set

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 3 — The Saudi Arabian Consulting House plans to train nationals in engineering and drawing for architectural designs, and designing of power plants with the assistance of foreign partners.

Three teams, comprising seven U.S. nationals and 18 Saudi Arabians each, are to be trained in cooperation with a specialist American company. The first team will be selected and will work for three to five years, after which Saudi Arabians will take over the leading positions in designing. The training of

MWL sponsors hajj seminar

MAKAH, Oct. 3 (SPA) — The Muslim World League organized a seminar for a delegation of 200 American Muslims who represent various Islamic organizations in the United States.

MWL Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Al-Harakan said Saturday the seminar will deal with the proper way for performing the pilgrimage as the Prophet Muhammad did. He said that the group comprises doctors, lawyers, professors and businessmen who embraced Islam in America.

Sheikh Harakan added that the MWL will host other seminars for missions from South-East Asia, China and the Soviet Union to discuss the Islamic community's causes and the suppression it is facing from Communism or other destructive ideologies, which contradict with the Islamic principles.

MWL's guests this year totaled 1,000 persons for whom the league will organize various guidance facilities. It also will study Islamic causes which concern its guests, he said.

Thai Muslims seek assistance

By a Staff Writer

the group will cost SR4.5 million, *Al-Medina* quoted official as saying Saturday.

The paper said that the second and third teams, whose training will cost SR5 million each, will begin by the end of this year and in 1983 respectively.

Meanwhile, the designing of electricity plants will be with the Irish Council, which specializes in electricity. The consulting house's plan envisages the formation of a Saudi Arabian team for designing power plants, the distribution network and supervision of construction.

Of the two teams, one already has begun training by mid-1981 and the second begins next year. Each team incorporates 13 Saudi Arabian engineers and draftsmen.

JEDDAH, Oct. 3 — A delegation of Thai Muslims has arrived here to perform the pilgrimage and also to contact the Muslim World League to seek cooperation and assistance in providing teachers in Muslim schools.

Dr. Imron Maluleem, lecturer of social science at Bangkok's Kasetsart University told *Arab News* Saturday that seven million Muslims in Thailand need teachers and financial help to set up Islamic teaching schools. Being the minority in a population of 46 million, they cannot have everything they need for the education of the young.

Dr. Maluleem said he also will have talks with Habib Chatti or his deputies at the



Sheikh Muhammad Organization of Islamic Conference for the purpose.

In the meantime, the Muslims under their leader Sheikh-Ul Islam Muhammad Praesert Muhammad are doing the best they can to provide religious instruction to the people.

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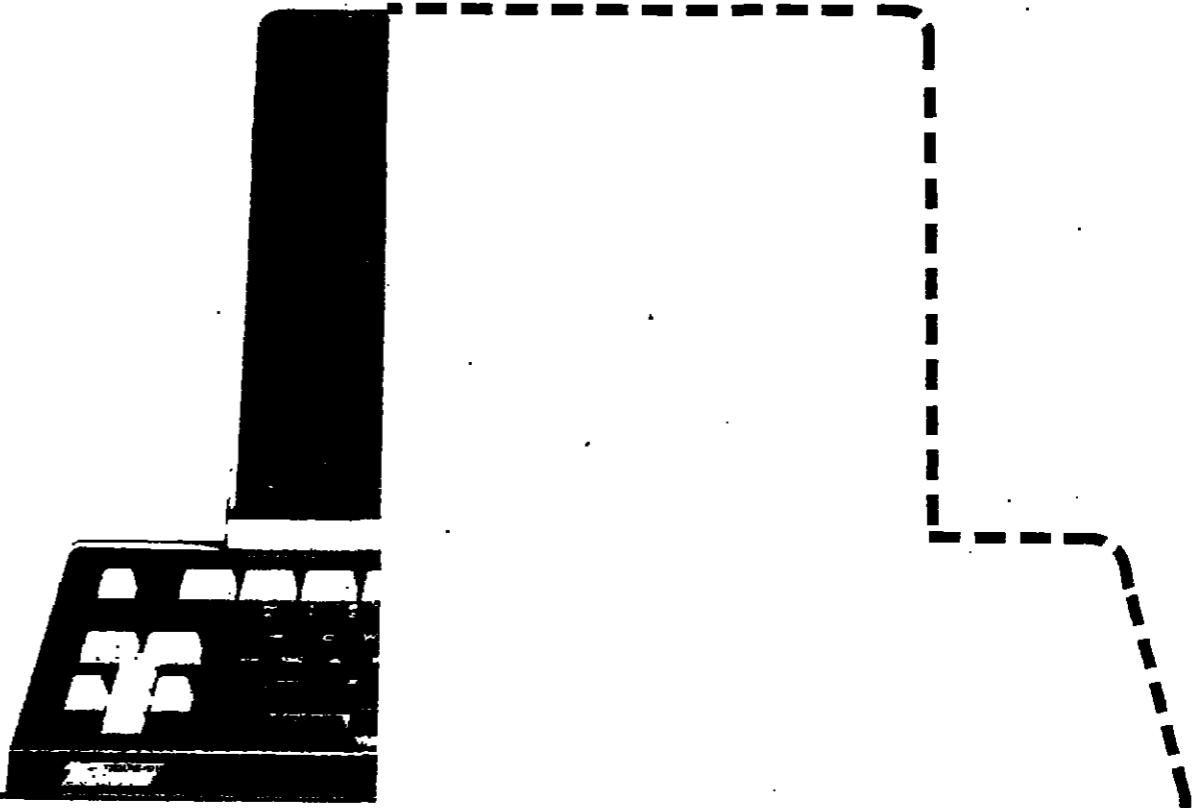
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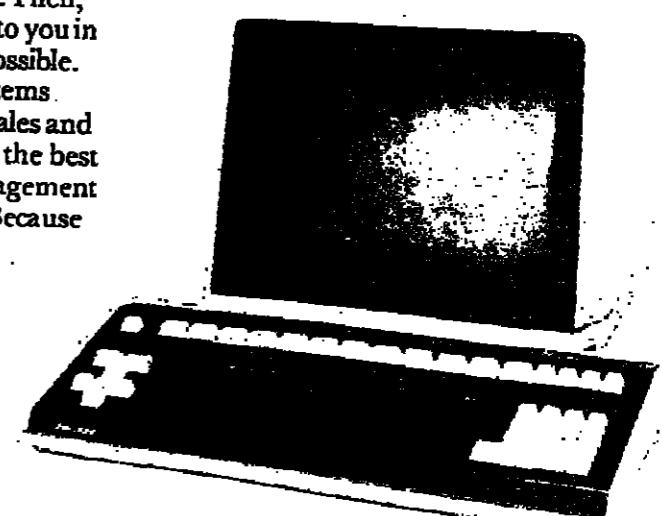


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Afghan role clarified

Pakistan denies making bomb

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi Friday denied as "patently false" reports that his country was diverting nuclear fuel from its Karachi reactor to build an atomic bomb.

Shahi also told the U.N. General Assembly that the recently-concluded arms deal with the United States did not mean that Pakistan was engaged in an arms race against India. The Pakistani foreign minister charged that a "politically-motivated propaganda campaign" was being conducted against his country's peaceful nuclear program.

Referring to recent reports and statements recently emanating from Washington, Shahi said, "it is patently false to say that anomalies and irregularities have been detected" at the Karachi reactor. He noted that the reactor was subject to regular inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and added: "It is the height of irresponsibility to speculate that spent nuclear fuel can be diverted from the reactor for non-peaceful purposes. There has not been a single instance of violation of safeguards by Pakistan during the past 45 inspections carried out by the IAEA so far."

Last week, Senator Alan Cranston of California, the assistant U.S. Democratic Party leader, said the international agency was concerned that domestically-produced nuclear fuel in Pakistan's reactor could make

Coeducation to be ended in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 3 (R) — Pakistan government is determined to end coeducation as part of its plans to reconstruct Pakistani society along Islamic lines. Education Minister Muhammad Ali Khan Hoti said Friday, Hoti told a seminar in Islamabad that reform of the education system, with the complete elimination of coeducation, was at the top of the government's list of reforms. He did not say how long the planned reform would take.

The Islamic clergy opposes coeducation on the grounds that mixing the sexes at schools is immoral. When Pakistan became independent in 1947, it inherited coeducation in colleges and schools run by Christian missionary organizations and in universities.

The authorities have banned coeducation in missionary colleges, which have been nationalized, but the system continues in universities and professional institutions.

U.S. blamed

Iran's U.N. delegation arrives

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3 (AP) — Iran's delegation to the U.N. General Assembly finally turned up here Friday, 17 days after the assembly's 36th annual session opened, and members accused the United States of interfering with their trip.

About 12 delegates, men with beards and no neckties, came to this headquarters the day after their arrival in New York and took turns sitting in their country's six-seat location in the assembly hall where foreign ministers were making policy speeches. Foreign Minister Mir Hossain Mousavi, their leader, told reporters that the United States had barred entry to two of his undersecretaries on the delegation "because of the measures you know."

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effective inspection impossible."

"Pakistan," Shahi told the assembly, "has consistently demonstrated its dedication to the goal of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons" and would "extend its fullest cooperation in the future" to IAEA inspectors. Pakistanis have expressed concern that India was behind a lobbying campaign in Washington that could jeopardize congressional support for exempting Pakistan from anti-nuclear proliferation laws, which were used to cut off American arms aid in 1979. Pakistan has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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Referring to Pakistan's dispute with Afghanistan, Shahi said his country was ready to "exchange views on substantive issues" with the Kabul government through Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. Pakistan has ruled out direct negotiations, pending a settlement that would include withdrawal of 85,000 Soviet troops from neighboring Afghanistan, as soon as circumstances permit."

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The United Nations provides the only practical mechanism for a dialogue among the parties directly concerned. Shahi declared, stating that Pakistan was prepared to set aside procedural problems and engage in an exchange of views on substantive issues through the U.N. secretary general, and at the same time "prepare the ground for trilateral talks between the representatives of the governments of Pakistan and Iran and those of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, as soon as circumstances permit."

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Kirkpatrick hits back at Ethiopia

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3 (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick told the U.N. General Assembly Friday night that Ethiopia's Communist government "depends for its survival" on about 15,000 Cuban military personnel and 1,000 to 1,500 Soviet military advisers.

She also said that "regime... received from the Soviet Union more than \$1 billion in military equipment in late 1977 and early 1978 — which is over twice as much as the United States provided to that country during a quarter of a century under the late Haile Selassie."

The head of the United States' U.N. mission and of its assembly delegation, gave those figures in a sharp reply to Ethiopian Foreign Minister Feleke Gedle-Georgis. In the assembly's policy debate, he had accused the U.S. Thursday of "stifling progressive movements, undermining sovereign states" and engaging in a "massive military buildup" that had increased tensions in Africa.

"Yet," she said, "it is his own regime that is engaged in a war against its own ethnic minorities — among them the Eritreans, the Somalis and the Tigreans." "It is his own regime that has recently made a pact with two countries that specialize in subverting sovereign states and fomenting regional instability," she added, apparently meaning the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said Amnesty International had estimated that about 30,000 persons had been summarily executed for political reasons in Ethiopia between 1974 and 1978. She also said that there were now 300 to 400 arrests a week in the capital, Addis Ababa, alone. She added "many of those arrested simply disappear and are presumed executed."

Beg said the commission is reconsidering its support for exempting Sikhs from a ban on passengers taking weapons aboard planes.

Wearing of the kirpan, or dagger, is part of the Sikh religion, but the line has to be drawn on threats to public order, morality and health, he said.

Delhi's police commissioner, P.S. Bhinder, said after the hijacking that carrying of kirpans would henceforth be stopped. State

Libyan 'threat' discussed

Mubarak meets Reagan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — President Reagan discussed the Middle East situation with Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak Friday, including the increased tension between Sudan and Libya, a White House spokesman said.

Mubarak delivered a letter to Reagan from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the 30-minute meeting, but the White House would not disclose its contents.

Egyptian Defense Minister Muhammad Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala said Thursday in Cairo that Sadat would ask Reagan for more military aid for Sudan to counter threats by Libya. Gen. Abu Ghazala said the situation on Sudan's western border with Chad was very serious.

Sudan and Egypt are allies and both oppose Libya which has been helping gov-

ernment forces in Chad fight rebels led by Chad's former Defense Minister Hissene Habre. Asked if the situation in Sudan was discussed at the White House meeting, the spokesman said: "Yes, among other things."

Secretary of State Alexander Haig also attended the White House meeting. He and Mubarak are scheduled to meet again at the State Department.

Meanwhile, the Cairo daily *Al Ahram* said Saturday that Libya is a tool for Soviet expansionist ambitions in Africa. Warning that a Libyan attack on neighboring Sudan would be met by immediate Egyptian action, as stressed in recent days by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Defense Minister Ghazala, the paper said Libya's alliance with Ethiopia and South Yemen was all part of the same

Libyan-Soviet design.

UNDP, OIC sign pact

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3 (R) — The U.N. Development Program (UNDP) and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Friday signed a memorandum on

cooperation and liaison.

The signatories were the secretary-general of the OIC, Habib Chatty, and UNDP administrator Bradford Morse. The cooperation agreement is in response to resolutions adopted last year by the U.N. General Assembly and the OIC foreign ministers designed to promote links between the two bodies.



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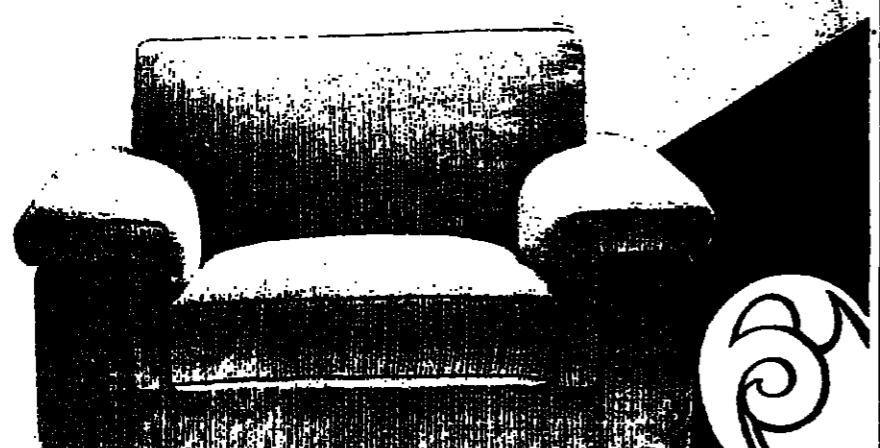
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Syrian army stages biggest maneuvers

DAMASCUS, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — Syria's armed forces have held one of their biggest military exercises over the past few days, using advance air warning systems and live ammunition, official sources said Saturday.

The sources said that in addition to Defense Minister Mustafa Tlas, military delegations from Arab and other friendly countries watched the maneuvers.

An official announcement quoted the army chief of staff, Gen. Hikmat Shehabi, as saying in a speech at the end of the maneuvers that the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation accord reached last month was directed against Syria. "This is because Syria is the bulwark of Arab steadfastness and capable of waging the battle effectively and firmly," Gen. Shehabi said.

In an interview with the Lebanese independent newspaper *Al-Nehar* published Saturday, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam also attacked the American-Israeli accord. Khaddam, who is in New York attending the U.N. General Assembly, was quoted as saying the theory that the accord was aimed at the threat from the Soviet Union was unacceptable.

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But the PLO said that its specialized economic agency, the Palestine National Fund, engages in development projects for the Palestinian people. Hatem Husseini, a PLO spokesman in Washington who also attended the news conference, said there are about 150 observer groups in the bank and the fund, many of which carry out the same

American umbrella and Israeli control," he said. "The major enemy disturbing the region, the Arab nation and neighboring countries, is Israel," he added.

The foreign minister also said strategic accords between the U.S. and Israel meant America had "lost its role as a superpower with responsibility for international peace and security." "This is because it has linked its strategic interests with Israeli interests," he added.

Meanwhile, in Damascus, official sources said South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad exchanged views with Syrian head of State Hafez Assad Friday on various aspects of the Middle East situation.

The talks also touched on measures to implement resolutions adopted by the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front at a meeting last month to "consolidate the Arab stand against imperialist and Zionist designs."

The front of Arab hardliners met in Benghazi, Libya, Sept. 17 to discuss among other things, the increasing cooperation between the United States and Israel. The front is made up of Syria, South Yemen, Algeria, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). President Muhammad arrived in Damascus Thursday night on an unannounced visit.

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type of function as the Palestinian National Fund.

The statement also noted that the PLO has full observer status at the United Nations and all its specialized agencies and also attends international conferences dealing with Middle East issues. Both Nimr and Husseini participated in this week's bank-fund meeting as members of the Syrian delegation.

The PLO representatives said that during this year's meeting, "the American government has used all kinds of pressures and measures to prevent the invitation of PLO representatives to these annual meetings. It has tried to prevent the Arab states from using legal norms and procedures to pursue this matter, including raising the issue at the International Court of Justice."

They called the U.S. effort a violation of international law and said the PLO and the Arab states will continue their campaign to secure Palestinian participation in the two institutions. The PLO issue was the subject of numerous behind-the-scenes discussions at this year's meeting but no final decision was reached. The issue was referred to committees of the two institutions for further studies.

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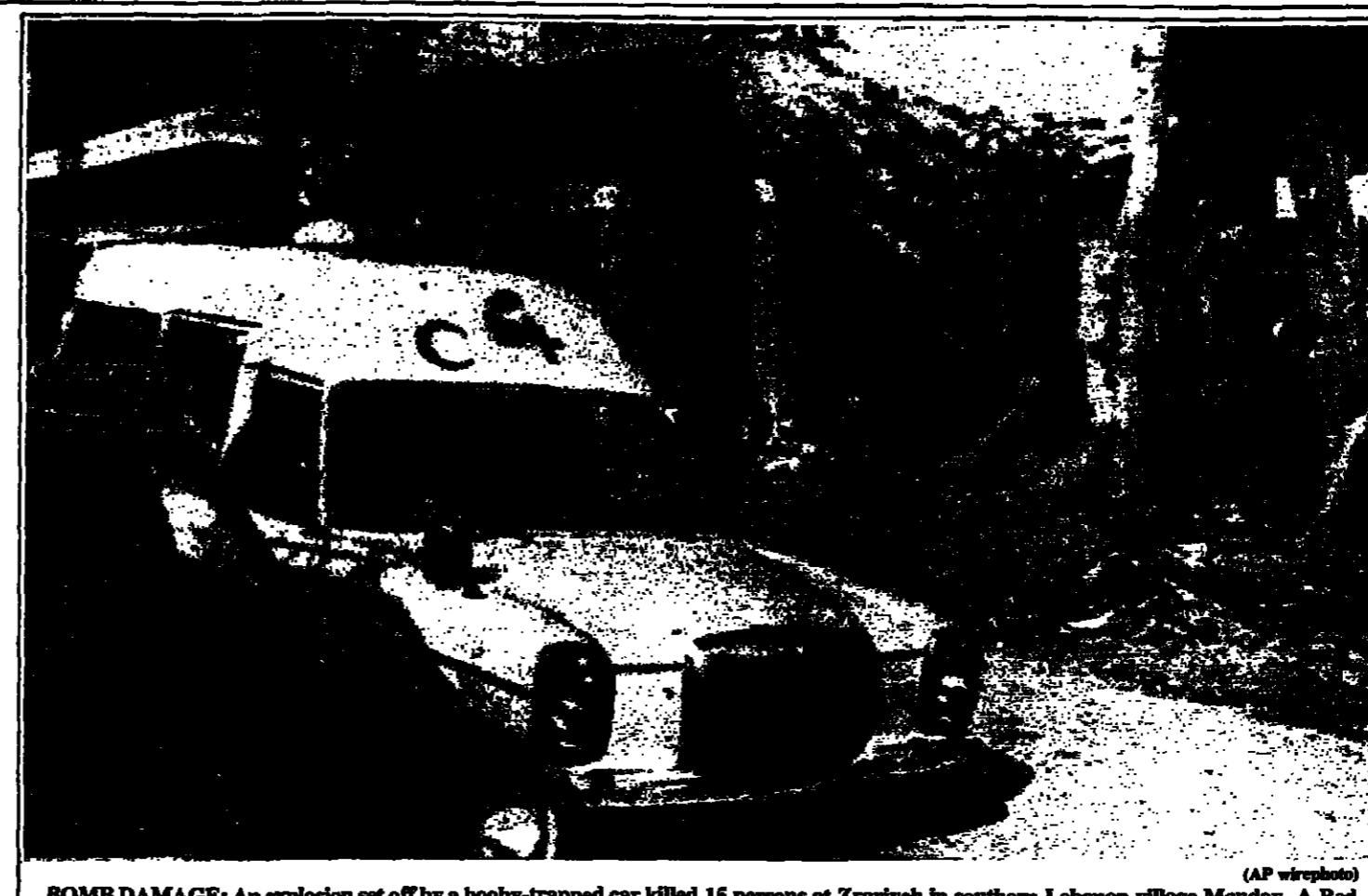
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(AP wirephoto)
BOMB DAMAGE: An explosion set off by a booby-trapped car killed 15 persons at Zrariyah in southern Lebanon village Monday. A Red Crescent ambulance is seen outside a row of shops damaged by the explosion.

Evren attacked for excluding ex-politicians

STRASBOURG, Oct. 3 (R) — Parliamentarians speaking at the Council of Europe Saturday condemned the composition of the Turkish Constituent Assembly which is due to start drawing up a new constitution in Ankara later this month.

French, Dutch and British Socialists and Italian Communists told the 21-nation council's parliamentary assembly that the Turkish body, whose members are to be chosen by Gen. Kenan Evren, the head of state, bore no relation to democracy.

They especially attacked the exclusion of anyone who had engaged in politics before the coup which brought the army to power just over a year ago. But most speakers held back from a suggestion that Turkey be expelled from the council which groups most of non-Communist Europe.

It was important to wait and assess the constitution once the Turkish people had voted on it in a referendum, they said. A final opinion by the parliamentary assembly on Turkey's status should await the outcome of a visit there by a group of its deputies in December, they said.

Italy violates pact, Libya says

BEIRUT, Oct. 3 (R) — Libya, one of whose airmen was intercepted by an Italian jet fighter Tuesday, said Friday it might have to take special measures to protect its planes.

The official Libyan news agency Jana quoted a spokesman for Libya's civil aviation authority as saying he considered the interception as a violation of international agreements. "If Italian military planes continue to harass Libyan civilian aircraft... (Libya) may be compelled to take the necessary measures

to ensure the protection of its planes and the security of the passengers," the spokesman said.

An Italian Air Force spokesman said Tuesday the plane was intercepted north of Sicily while on an unauthorized flight through Italian airspace. Libya said it might have been believed the intercepted plane was carrying Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

Tripoli has accused the U.S. of trying to assassinate Qaddafi.

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THANK YOU REAGAN

Thank you Mr. President. You have obliged us by making the world know that no foreign country must influence the policy of the United States.

Your predecessor, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower did it first and blunted the sword of Israel when he ordered its occupation forces to pull out of Sinai in 1956. Your courage to butt Israel out of American foreign policy-making tells us that you are a reliable partner: a partner to work constructively with Saudi Arabia and others in the Middle East toward a common goal — a just and lasting peace.

President Eisenhower ordered Israel out of an Arab country because of his belief that Israel was an aggressor.

The Israeli lobby, Mr. President, has influenced U.S. foreign policy since then. Its aggression has taken the form of occupying a whole country and exiled its Palestinian people; has destroyed and continues to destroy Lebanon and annihilate Palestinians who took refuge in that peaceful country.

Tel Aviv now wants to put Saudi Arabia under its atrocity by denying it defensive weapons to protect its people and interests that are vital to the rest of the world.

Though it is unlikely that your Congress will pass the AWACS bill, your remarks, however at the press conference the other day are, at least, equivalent to giving the Arabs a moral right to exist. Your remarks, as well, are a bold attempt to rid the U.S. policy versus the Middle East conflict of "foreign" interference on Capitol Hill.

Your remarks, Mr. President, have placed both the United States and the Arabs in the same trench: your administration fighting Israeli domination of the Congress and the Arabs fighting to protect their homelands from further Israeli occupation.

We hope, Mr. President, your integrity and the oath you have taken to protect the interests of your nation will set an example for those Congressmen who mistakenly believe otherwise.

GOOD VS. EVIL INTENT

U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is the recipient of a report from a specially formed U.N. committee informing him unambiguously of Israel's dealings in the field of nuclear weaponry. The report also hints at Israel's actual possession of such weapons.

This report is by no means the main evidence, it is not even a particularly significant piece of evidence, in this issue. There are already many reports of far more detail and explicitness which demonstrate that Israel is already in possession of nuclear weapons, which it has obtained through its nuclear establishment in the Negev Desert.

It is at this point that a question must arise within the Arab camp on the sense of the rush by Arab governments to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, as if offering the world proof of good character and intent. The Israelis never signed, and rather than incurring anger from the world, they found the United States helping enthusiastically in their effort, even to the extent of smuggling nuclear fuel to them from America's own stores.

Why, then, was the Arab rush to prove their good intentions? And what good will our "good intentions" do us when Israel's nuclear bombs begin to rain down on our capitals? What help then would be the world's praise for us because we have refrained from matching Israel's evil technology with our own?



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Foreign aid essential for Poland's survival

By Tom Heneghan

VIENNA —

Poland's ailing economy appears to be caught in a

tight squeeze between its Western bank creditors and Soviet leaders who continue to supply it with vital raw materials, according to analysts here. Warsaw officials freely admit they need a continuous

flow of both capitalist credits and Communist oil and natural gas and other goods to ensure Poland's economic survival.

But Western bankers, despite agreeing to defer most 1981 repayments, have taken a firm line and seem to be imposing economic conditions on further help while the Kremlin may be imposing political ones that Warsaw can hardly afford to accept. The bankers, whose 21-member task force

negotiated with a Polish trade bank delegation here

this week, stuck to their proposal to reschedule over

seven years repayments of 95 percent of Poland's

commercial debt falling due since March 26 while

demanding prompt repayment of interest. The

Poles wanted 100 percent rescheduling and a delay on interest.

The banks' only concession was to allow Poland to repay the final five percent of principle next year. They have also prepared a 30-page questionnaire on the economy for Warsaw, whose total debt to the West is a crushing \$24 billion.

The delegation from Bank Handlowy, which

banking sources said was having great difficulty

finding funds to pay even the interest on the \$2.4

billion debts this year, finally had to accept what the banks offered after holding out for better conditions for six months.

At the same time, the Soviet Union is pressing Warsaw to reassess control over internal political

developments — in other words, over the Solidarity

free trade union. Speaking through members of the

Polish leadership, it has said it might cut off supplies of raw materials if order is not restored in the country.

Thus, Western diplomats and economic analysts

here believe, Warsaw may find itself forced into even more stringent belt-tightening or toward

tougher international politics at a time when it most

needs to rally the population behind the long haul to

economic reform and recovery.

Some diplomats said the Kremlin could use heightened economic pressure as the next step in its

campaign against Warsaw instead of deciding on a

military intervention, which would be far more

controversial internationally and unpredictable within Poland.

Three main issues — credits, oil and coal — illustrate how dependent the Polish economy, whose

growth rates will nosedive by 15 percent this year,

has become on outside help.

This week's talks with the Western task force,

representing the 460 Western banks to which War-

saw owes money, proved tougher than anticipated

because Poland is so strapped it can hardly make

any payments at all this year, banking sources said.

It had a \$1.7 billion trade deficit in the first seven

months and needs more credits to keep afloat,

although it is not at all clear where they will come

from, they said.

For next year, Warsaw has to repay about \$6.5

billion of debts to Western banks and governments,

and another \$3 billion in interest, foreign trade

ministry officials have said. This will also have to be

rescheduled if Warsaw is not to default completely

on its Western debts.

As for oil, Poland is now almost totally dependent

on the 13.5 million tons of crude Moscow

provides annually. The communist Party daily *Tribuna Lada* admitted in April that Warsaw had no money to buy about three million tons it planned to import from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other Western suppliers this year.

Production of coal, Poland's main export and informal collateral for many Western credits, has dropped from 193 million tons in 1980 to about 164 million tons this year, Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski told parliament last week. Warsaw should have only eight million tons to export this year compared to 26.7 million tons in 1979.

Warnings to the Poles have come from both West and East in recent weeks. Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, voicing a stand quickly seconded by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, said Vienna could not continue providing Warsaw with credits if the coal promised in return was not supplied. Deliveries have fallen to half the contracted level this year.

In Poland, Politburo member Stefan Olszowski, generally considered a hardliner in the Warsaw leadership, issued the first warning about Soviet supplies on Sept. 22. He said Moscow might be forced to reconsider its trade relations with Warsaw if anti-Soviet activities continued in Poland. The Kremlin could halve its raw material supplies and cut off its oil deliveries disastrously, he said.

"Unless we get a rescheduling agreement and obtain more credits, imports from the capitalist countries will record a further drop next year," he said in an article.

"This will be reflected in the volume of production and exports, which in turn will further decrease Poland's capabilities for repayment," he said. "We are without the means to import materials and spare parts. Thus, the dramatically reduced volume of exported coal may drop even more, for we are not

capable of mining industry with spare parts for West German-made and other machinery."

In a situation like this, he concluded, the efforts of some Warsaw banking experts to obtain more credits at today's high interest rates were like "extinguishing a blaze with petrol." But he knew no alternative to further indebtedness before the economy could begin to recover.

And recovery, a government report said in July, is still a long way off. Poland's national income, the communist version of gross national product, should take between five and six years to regain its pre-1980 levels, the report said. —(R)

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and tensions in Lebanon."

The paper urged mobilization of efforts by the parties concerned in coordination with the legal authorities of Lebanon to isolate suspicious elements and agents of the so-called front in the national interest and for the benefit of the Lebanese people.

Al-Jazirah blamed an editorial Israel and its agents for the recent violent incidents in Lebanon. The paper deplored Israel's dangerous plots to foil Lebanese, Arab and international peace efforts toward bringing a decisive end to the bitter tragedy suffered by the Arab and Lebanese peoples.

"The so-called front for liberating Lebanon from aliens is nothing but a group created by Israeli agents to play its games and carry on its designs of partitioning Lebanon," the paper added. "Israel alone has a direct interest in the renewal of violence

Sectarian charge shakes Irish Republic

By Leslie Dowd

DUBLIN —

The Irish Republic, one of the world's most devoutly Catholic states, has been shaken by charges by its own prime minister that it is too sectarian. Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, a 55-year-old liberal, in press interviews last week launched what he called a crusade aimed at changing attitudes in the 68-year-old republic.

The background is the continuing conflict in British-ruled Northern Ireland, where 10 jailed Irish Republican guerrillas have now starved themselves to death in their continuing campaign to unite the province with the south. Dr. Fitzgerald, whose mother came from northern non-Catholic stock, bluntly told his overwhelmingly Catholic fellow citizens that he would not feel inclined to join them in a united republic if he were a northern Protestant.

By the end of this week his remarks had assumed the dimensions of a radically new approach to solving the Northern Ireland problem. When Dr. Fitzgerald flies to London later this month to meet British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher more details of a new approach may have been sketched in, political commentators said.

Dr. Fitzgerald, who narrowly won office in a general election three months ago, said he wanted the Irish people to approve dropping the formal claim to Northern Ireland from the republic's constitution, written in 1937. He also urged fundamental changes in such areas as divorce, not allowed in the republic, and contraceptives, only obtainable by married couples from a doctor.

"If I were a northern Protestant today I could not see how I would be attracted to getting involved in a state which is itself sectarian," he said on Irish radio. "The fact that our laws and our constitution, our practices and our attitudes reflect those of the majority ethos and are not acceptable to Protestants."

Dr. Fitzgerald's remarks were coolly received by hardline leaders of Northern Ireland's one million

A custodian's view of history; 102 diplomatic gifts auctioned

By Felicity Barringer

WASHINGTON (WP) — The days of shuttle diplomacy, detente and Koreagate may have passed, but the gifts linger on. Not for long. The General Services Administration (GSA) recently offered the public a custodian's-eye view of America's recent diplomatic and political history as it auctioned off 182 gifts that were presented to U.S. officials by foreign governments over the past 15 years.

There were mementos of Henry A. Kissinger's peripatetic tenure as Secretary of State, including one portrait and four busts of Kissinger (two with glasses, two without).

There were reminders of the days of Koreagate, when newspapers carried daily front-page revelations about South Korea's

Drought, salt resistant plants to be developed

By Lee Dembart

BOSTON, Mass (WP) — A leading plant researcher has discovered and transplanted a gene that may enable plants to withstand drought and salt, which could eventually lead to an increase in the world's supply of food. The work is in a very preliminary stage, but it raises the possibility of growing plants in areas that are now too dry to be arable. In addition, increasing salinity of soil is a problem everywhere in the world where irrigation is practiced. Creating plants that are resistant to salt would overcome that problem.

Transplanting the resistance gene is a significant development in the genetic engineering of plants, which many biologists consider potentially more significant than genetic engineering of pharmaceuticals and chemicals. So far, however, pharmaceuticals have held the spotlight.

The principal reason is that it is much easier to turn a single-celled bacterium into a chemical factory by implanting a gene into it than it is to get a complex, multicellular organism like a plant to respond to a newly implanted gene.

The latest development, which involves the transfer of a gene from one bacterium to another, was announced by Raymond C. Valentine, a biologist at the University of California, Davis, in a speech at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Valentine and his colleagues at Davis isolated a gene in bacteria that produces proline, which enables cells to hold moisture even when the outside environment is salty or dry.

Their hope is that they will be able to put the gene into plants and get them to do the same thing.

Valentine told his audience at mit that plants especially created to hold water might be commercially available in 10 years. The presence of proline in a cell counterbalances the presence of salt outside, which would otherwise draw the water out of the cell.

There appear to be several genes involved in the production and maintenance of proline, one of which manufactures it, one of which keeps it from degrading and one of which keeps it from leaving the cell.

Valentine has isolated one of those genes from *E. coli*, a bacterium that normally lives

lavish attempts to woo American members of Congress and when the GSA was deluged with Korean items, from jewelry chests to men's suits.

"I got Korean gifts in here left and right for a while," said Al Summer, the GSA employee who has watched over the gifts in the basement vault of the Forrestal Building in Washington for half a dozen years. "Seemed like nobody wanted anything Korean around the house."

Among the other offerings: A Cartier silver bell Iran gave to former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld; a silver espresso set, complete with incense burner, from Kuwait to former Secretary of State William Rogers; a tapestry that Taiwan gave former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance; a brown suede Gucci bag (slightly soiled, according to

the listing) that Italy gave Kissinger; the two men's suits that South Korea gave former Representative Herman Badillo, D-N.Y.

"Many of the recipients were very disenchanted at having to turn (the gifts) in," said the GSA's Charles Bremer, but he would not specify which of the more than 60 recipients were irked by the proceedings. (Presidential gifts are handled by a different branch of the GSA, and do not go up for public auction.)

Now, 15 years after the original legislation requiring officials to return to the government gifts worth more than \$50, and three years after Congress set a stiff penalty of up to \$10,000 for officials who didn't turn over gifts worth more than \$100, the GSA has held the first open public auction of the times.

Before giving the public its chance, however, the GSA followed the law and gave the recipients of the gifts a chance to buy them back, and then offered them to other federal agencies, government museums and state governments. This process whittled the numbers down from about 260 gifts to the 182 that GSA officials hope to auction off for \$40,000 to \$60,000.

What use would a federal agency have for a dozen silver cigarette or cigar boxes, for more than a dozen men's watches or for tea sets and bolts of cloth? Bremer said some agencies might want a few knickknacks to display in the secretary's dining room.

Others, like the FBI, he said, bought some of the items to use as props in their sting operations. "Otherwise they'd have to buy them on the open market, and that would be more expensive," he said.

For statistics buffs, Kissinger was showered with more largess than any other government official below the president, to judge by the GSA's property listing. More than 50 of the gifts were given to Kissinger, including a silver presentation bowl from Cambodia, a black lacquer jewelry box from South Vietnam (listed in poor condition) and a light green ceramic tea service from North Vietnam.

GSA officials said that Kissinger had bought back just one item from the GSA stores: a \$4,800 diamond necklace from Pakistan.

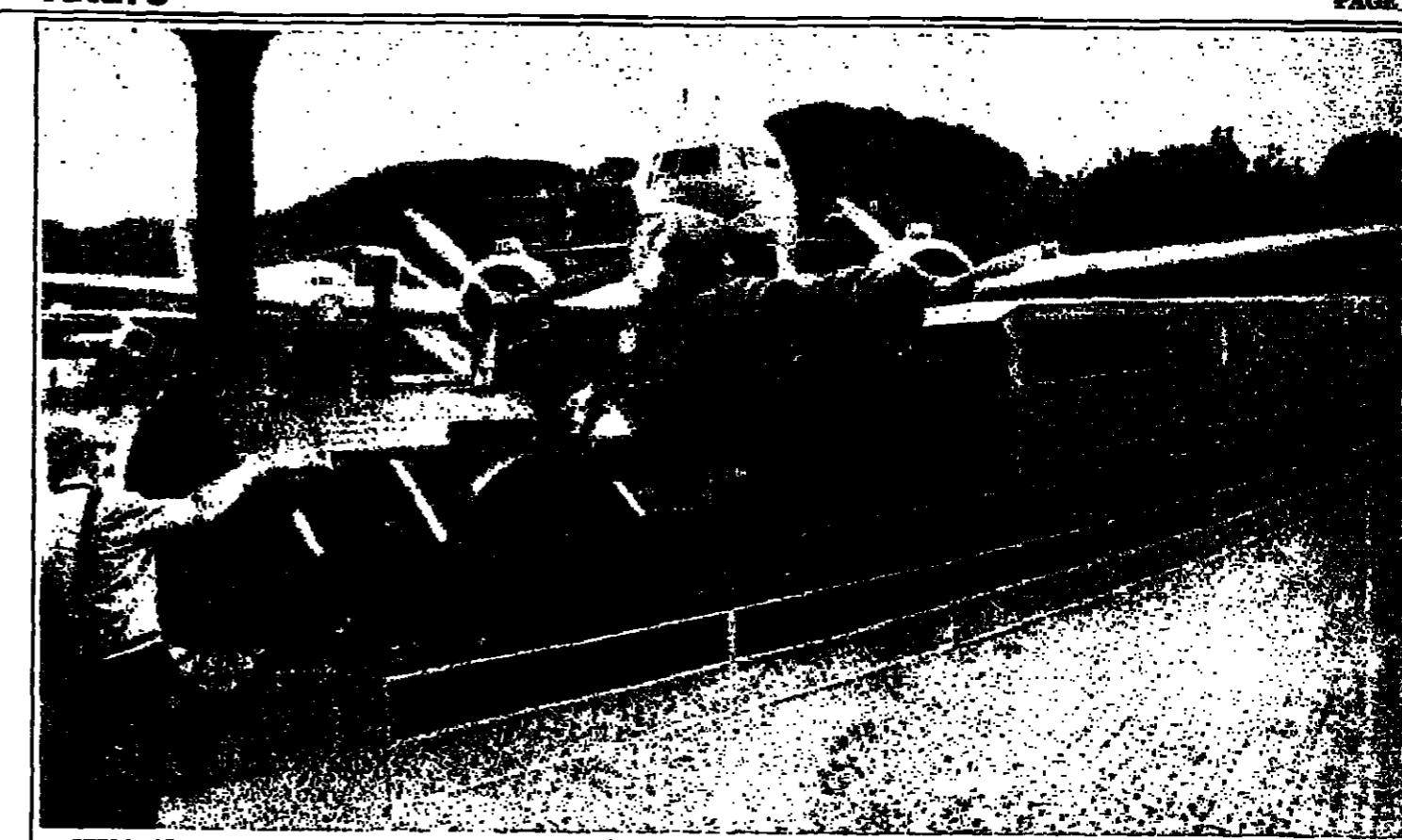
There were more items from South Korea (25) than from any other country, including three gifts to former house speaker Carl Albert of Oklahoma.

According to Bremer, there have been a number of meetings over the past two years between the GSA's keepers of property and the State Department's keepers of protocol, to discuss how to handle foreign sensitivities about selling personal gifts at a public auction.

"We know that it's a sensitive issue. We're glad that (GSA officials) are the ones that have to take the flak, if there is any," said John Murtha, an assistant chief of protocol.

But, he added, "it's made abundantly clear to anyone giving a gift to us what the restrictions are. We try to keep it to something small, so it's a token of a gift, symbolic, with little cash value so the individual participant can retain it."

As for the public auction the law requires, "there's no way it can be done quietly," Murtha said. "It's ripe with the possibility of hard feelings, but it's been made clear (to foreign governments) that we have no option."



GERMAN RAILWAY: The replica of the first German railway train with an Eagle locomotive built by George Stephenson steamed between Nurnberg and Furth in 1835. The display is located in front of historic planes at the Swiss Museum of Traffic at Lucerne.

Minerals renew interests

Unwieldy, amorphous north areas have frustrated many Canadians

By Stanley Meister

INDIA but has a population of only 64,300, just a few thousand more than it takes to fill the seats of Montreal's Olympic stadium. High in the Canadian Arctic, Ellesmere Island — the 10th-largest island in the world, with an area almost the size of Great Britain — is populated by an Eskimo community of 100, a weather station of 9 and a small military base with a secret number of soldiers.

The Canadian north is so thinly populated because of the obvious difficulty of living and surviving in a land where huge areas must contend with bitter cold, incessant ice, barren soil, permafrost and sunless winters.

"I missed summer last year," said Bryan Pearson, the ever-joking British-born mayor of Frobisher Bay. "I was having a bath."

Artificial Communities

There is no need for that kind of struggle for survival in modern times that existed 100 years ago, for planes and icebreaker-escorted ships can bring supplies to ward off famine. But life dependent on costly outside supplies has its own problems. The northern towns and communities have an artificial air about them. They are not natural outgrowths of the economies around them, but centers set up to serve once-nomadic Eskimos or to house temporary miners or to run bureaucracies.

Almost all these centers are depressing to behold. While the vistas are magnified in the north, the communities never are. Even an Eskimo hamlet like Pangnirtung on Baffin Island — set in a breathtaking fjord not far from craggy mountains and huge glaciers — is really, depending on the season, either a dusty or a muddy place, charmless and visually depressing.

The Eskimo settlements, whose economies are usually based on government subsidies, always have a makeshift look, with rectangular government buildings set down in disarray. These communities, which developed 25 years ago when Canada discouraged the nomadism of Eskimos, seem to have no history, nothing poetic, no feel of permanence. They could be removed and placed elsewhere — as the Canadian government has done in several instances — without a whimper or a sigh.

The rest of the north is made up mainly of capitals and administrative centers for bureaucrats and of mining towns for southerners who will leave when the mines run out.

Northern communities have no roots and thus fail to take hold. A few decades ago, some visionaries thought that a town like Frobisher Bay on the eastern end of Baffin Island would develop into an important economic center of the north. Eskimos were encouraged to move there and become a source of cheap labor. But Frobisher Bay never became more than a regional center for bureaucrats, and it is now a rarely visited town of 2,500 people.

Land Disputes Possible

Sovereignty over the north has long been a concern to Canada. While no other country claims any part of the land, Canadian officials worry that future disputes could arise over vast tracts of sparsely populated territory.

Under international law, a government's claim to control of an area depends to some extent on the government's "presence" — its ability to show up and perform work there.

Northeast Passage Dispute

Even more important, there is an actual dispute over much of the deep-sea water between the great islands of the Canadian Arctic. Both the United States and the Soviet Union regard these waters — which make up the Northwest Passage — as international, while Canada regards them as internal Canadian waters.

The U.S. government never asks Canadian permission when it sends a nuclear submarine through these waters. In 1969 and 1970, Canadians were upset when the American oil tanker *Marathon* steamed through the Northwest Passage as if it were an international waterway. Largely in response to the publicity, the Canadian government set up a special Northern Military Headquarters in Yellowknife.

Such problems might become more significant if, as many Canadians predict, the Northwest Passage actually becomes a vital thoroughfare for tankers carrying oil and natural gas from the Arctic to the United States and Europe.

Canadian Establish Presence

To assert sovereignty, the Canadian government is engaged in a constant struggle to show its presence. The Canadian forces, for example, have set up military installations in Yellowknife, Whitehorse, Inuvik, Frobisher Bay and the northern outpost of Alert on the top of Ellesmere Island. In all, a thousand

Writing about movers, shakers

Author's claims unleash LBJ controversy



Lyndon Johnson

any of these outrageous, brutal, statements."

Valenti said he could make the categorical denial for two reasons, the first being a visit to the White House in early 1964 by a businessman with a briefcase and what appeared to be \$3,000 to \$5,000 in cash, which the man wanted to contribute to the president's upcoming campaign.

"I went into the president's office and told him the man was there," Valenti said, "and I got a chewing out like I'd never had before. I can't quote the president, but in paraphrase he said, 'Don't you know it's against the law to accept a contribution in a federal building?' Now tell him to get out and if he wants to make a contribution to go down to the national committee."

"The other reason," Valenti said, "is that whatever else you want to say about Lyndon Johnson, you could never accuse him of being dumb. Lyndon Johnson would never allow anybody to come into his office and give him money, then have a sword of Damocles hanging over his head. Caro ought to know that Lyndon Johnson was too smart to sit his desk and take money like some minor league Spiro Agnew."

Times publisher Tom Johnson, who joined the White House staff in 1965 and worked for the president until his death in 1973, said he was "shocked and saddened by some of the allegations." Although the Signal Corps switchboard could keep the president in instantaneous contact with his Texas ranch, the published said he was certain the president did not spend long hours banting his private business affairs.

"I know from personal experience from 1965 forward and from looking over his daily log that he simply wasn't spending hours a day working on his businesses. That simply is not true."

Donald Thomas of Austin, the Johnson family lawyer since 1944, called the story that the president spent hours running his private business, "a scurrilous lie."

"I'm not saying that Caro is lying," he said, "but somebody is lying."

During the presidential years, Thomas said he mainly talked with Johnson when the president returned to Texas. "When I called the White House switchboard, it was nearly always to tell him I would be in Washington. When I was there he would want me to come by."

"But I can tell you there is no asset in the Johnson family estate that is not a result of legitimate business operations."

In 1960, after Johnson was elected vice president, Thomas said, a decision was

made to invest the profits from the television properties — which were in Mrs. Johnson's name — in "Hill Country land." From that point on, he said, that was the source of most of the money the president and his family accumulated.

Shortly after publication of the first excerpt, Caro said he was disappointed and upset that the account of the lobbyist taking cash to Vice President Johnson had over shadowed everything else.

Responding to the criticism that *Atlantic* had provided no documentation to back up the article, Caro, a spokesman for his publisher and William Whitworth, editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*, all declared they had tried to excerpt material from the manuscript that would not require documentation in the magazine.

"Everything in the first excerpt," Whitworth said, "is either common knowledge among politicians and journalists or it has already been printed elsewhere."

None of the three would discuss Caro's sources — the author estimated he has already interviewed more than 500 persons — but they acknowledged that the incident involving the \$50,000 in cash referred to Gulf Oil Corp. Lobbyist Claude Wild Jr., who was a central figure in a widely publicized government investigation of illegal campaign contributions in the early 1970s.

News accounts in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post* and other papers in 1975 and 1976 reported that Wild had testified that one of his first duties when he went to work at Gulf was to deliver \$50,000 for Johnson's 1960 presidential campaign. According to one account, the money was given to Johnson aide Walter Jenkins.

Wild, whose father had worked in Johnson political campaigns in Texas, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor in 1977 for making illegal corporate campaign contributions in 1972 to Richard Nixon, then Rep. Wilbur Mills, d-Ark, and Sen. Henry M. Jackson, d-Wash.

Since the controversy over Caro's recounting of the incident, the author and his associates have pointed out that there is no suggestion that the \$50,000 was a bribe, that the incident is related in the context of Johnson's ability to raise money for politics.

William Lovered, a spokesman for Alfred A. Knopf, Caro's publisher, said the volumes themselves will "full, exhaustive, paragraph by paragraph" documentation when they are released, but he said the material is not now available for those who challenge the author's account.

The difficulties of northern mining were underscored this summer when the Cominco Company built a processing plant — six stories high and a city block long — on a barge at Trois-Rivières in the St. Lawrence River in the province of Quebec, and then towed the plant 3,551 miles past dangerous icebergs and through ice to the site of the company's Polaris zinc and lead mine on the Cornwallis Island in the Arctic. When it goes into operation in January, the Polaris will be the northernmost mine in the world.

Offshore Oil

Officials and developers with dreams for the future, however, focus mainly on the search for offshore oil in the Beaufort Sea and for oil and gas on and around the Arctic islands. For several decades, some oil has come from the Norman Wells fields along the Mackenzie river just below the Arctic circle. But the oil industry thinks the real finds will be in the high Arctic, the site of the northernmost drilling in the world.

British women's event tomorrow

JEDDAH, Oct. 3 — British women have been invited to attend a "coffee morning" on Monday Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at the residence of the British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. The British Embassy said that children are welcome at the event.

Australian women's coffee afternoon

JEDDAH — The regular monthly coffee afternoon, hosted by Marilyn Jamieson, wife of the Australian trade commissioner, will be held this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. All Australian women in the community have been invited to attend this event at Mrs. Jamieson's home.

Three die in Iran election clashes

TEHRAN, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — Three left-wing Mujahedeen Khalq militants died in clashes with revolutionary guards in the southern Iranian city of Shiraz during voting in Friday's presidential election and two others committed suicide after arrest, the daily *Azadegan* reported here Saturday.

In one incident, similar to an attack last Sunday, the shooting began after a group of Mujahedeen evacuated a bus and then set fire to it. In the ensuing battle, revolutionary guards killed one of the attackers, while three others escaped, the newspaper said. Two other Mujahedeen in a group of four arrested in Shiraz took their own lives by swallowing cyanide capsules, the newspaper added.

In another incident, a revolutionary guards patrol opened fire on a car after the driver ignored their order to halt. The car immediately exploded, killing the two occupants, *Azadegan* said.

Radio Tehran reported Friday 30 members of the Mujahedeen were executed in Isfahan, central Iran, after being found guilty of "armed demonstrations and fighting." Charges also included "attacking defenseless people and repeated efforts to topple the republic." The radio did not say when they were executed.

Meanwhile in Paris, Massud Rajavi, leader of the Iranian Mujahedeen, said Saturday he has no plans to form a government in exile on French territory with ex-Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. The French government reminded the pair of their pledge to limit political activity while in France after they issued a communiqué announcing their intention to form a provisional Iranian government soon.

"It is not right to say we want a government in exile in France," Rajavi said. "We have never had the intention, and we have no need, at the moment, to create a government outside Iran." He said he did not believe that Ayatollah Khomeini's "reactionary regime" in Tehran could hold on to power much longer. "That is why I limited myself to making public the National Resistance Council's program and that of a future provisional government," he added. Rajavi and Bani-Sadr arrived in France July 29.

In another development, Pars reported Saturday government forces regained control of the Kurdish town of Bukan after a five-day siege by "American agents and enemies of Islam." Troops moved into the town at 4 a.m., killing or wounding a large number of "counter revolutionaries," Pars said.



ITALIAN FLASH FLOODS: Torrential downpours and flash floods struck northern Italy recently, turning streets into rivers and causing heavy damage to property. Residents of Verbano, a Lake Maggiore resort, are seen here floating on a motorboat in the main square of the town.

On Cambodia India-Malaysia parleys set

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao will arrive here Oct. 9 for talks with his Malaysian counterpart Ghazali Shafee on Cambodia and other matters, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Saturday.

India and Malaysia have been at odds over how to resolve the Cambodian conflict, and the talks are aimed at smoothing friction which has arisen from the differing positions, diplomatic sources said.

Malaysia wants Vietnamese troops out of Cambodia, and says the Cambodian people should choose their own government under U.N. supervision. It has given its backing to the proposed coalition government among the ousted Khmer Rouge faction of Pol Pot, former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and former Cambodian Prime Minister Son Sann. India, on the other hand, has recognized the Heng Samrin regime installed in Phnom Penh by the Vietnamese.

Differences between India and the five-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), of which Malaysia is a member, led to India's decision not to attend a foreign minister-level meeting with ASEAN in Manila this year and Kuala Lumpur last year.

Ghazali is expected to seek India's help in convincing Vietnam to accept some of the ASEAN views on how to bring peace to Cambodia.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Manila that three U.S. Navy ships rescued a total of 134 Vietnamese refugees from the South China Sea Friday. A U.S. spokesman said the cruiser *Halsey* had picked up 77 persons, the aircraft carrier *Kitty Hawk* had rescued 42, and the destroyer *Skaggs* had taken on 14 men and a small girl from the small boats about 250 miles southeast of Ho Chi Minh City.

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German gunmen caught

MUENSTER, West Germany, Oct. 3 (R) — Two gunmen holding five hostages in a bank were captured early Saturday when they tried to flee with their ransom money, police said.

A police spokesman said all hostages, one woman and four men, were freed unharmed and the one million-mark (\$434,000) ransom was recovered. The spokesman declined to identify the two gunmen.

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Former Olympian dies in shootout

NEW DELHI, Oct. 3 (AP) — A former Olympic runner and Asian games gold medalist was among the 10 bandits slain by police in an all-night gun battle in Madhya Pradesh state, central India.

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Police received a tip Thursday afternoon that Singh and his men were at Ratnapur, and surrounded the village about nightfall. Several policemen entered the village to look for the bandits, and were fired upon, news reports said. The ensuing battle lasted until dawn.

Action against PDS deputy Haig assures Senegal

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — The United States considers and will continue to consider Senegal and Zaire as being "long-standing and firm friends of the West in Africa," State Department spokesman Dean Fischer has said.

The statement came shortly after separate meetings between U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig with Senegalese Foreign Minister Mustapha Niase and Zaire's State Commissioner (minister) for Foreign Affairs Lokumbu Bombo. The meetings, at the hotel where Haig has been staying while attending the United Nations General Assembly here, were conducted Friday in a "very friendly atmosphere," the spokesman said.

Haig told the two that the Reagan administration would continue to "support our friends in Africa," the spokesman said, adding that the United States "is and will remain a reliable partner" of pro-Western African states.

"It is clear that the three sides hold common views on key African issues," Fischer said. He indicated that Namibia, "Libyan interventionism in Chad and elsewhere" and bilateral questions were among matters discussed.

Meanwhile the Senegalese government has withdrawn parliamentary immunity from an opposition deputy who admitted taking part in sabotage, destabilization and information courses in Libya, the government-owned *Le Soleil* newspaper said in Dakar Saturday.

The newspaper named the deputy as Doudou Kamara. It quoted a Justice Ministry statement saying seven persons, including two members of the politburo of the opposition Senegalese Democratic Party (PDS) to which Kamara belongs, had been charged with complicity in connection with a breach of state security.

It said this followed the indictment of Amadou Fall, also of the PDS on charges including fraud. Police have been conducting

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NEW YORK, (AP) — Jazz pianist and singer Hazel Scott, who made her Carnegie Hall debut at age 12, died of cancer here Friday at age 61, her son, Adam Clayton Powell III, said. Miss Scott was hospitalized at Doctors Hospital in Manhattan on Aug. 28 for bleeding ulcers and was transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital two weeks later where doctors discovered she had cancer of the pancreas. She died at Mount Sinai, her son said.

CALCUTTA, (AP) — Durga Agarwal, reputed to be India's only test-tube baby, celebrated her third birthday Saturday. Her parents said they planned to enroll her in a kindergarten in a few months.

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investigations across the country following "serious revelations" by Fall, the bodyguard of PDS secretary-general Abdoulaye Wade, a recent Justice Ministry statement said.

Sources close to the ruling Socialist Party have said the PDS intended to seize power by force. But the PDS has rejected this, saying its status was "incompatible with subversive and insurrectionary maneuvers." The PDS said the security forces' actions were the "beginning of the execution of a government plan to liquidate the PDS."

Genscher to meet Chinese leaders

BOON, Oct. 3 (AFP) — East-West arms limitation and North-South dialogue will be the main subjects of West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's two days of discussions with leading Chinese officials in Peking. West German diplomatic sources said.

Genscher is to arrive in Peking Monday, after a stopover Sunday in Doha for a meeting with Qatar's head of state Sheikh Khalifa Al-Thani.

The West German Minister is to be greeted by Huang Hua, his Chinese counterpart, in Peking. He is scheduled to hold talks with Huang, Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, prime Minister Zhao Ziyang and other officials. Discussions should focus on the upcoming Soviet-American talks on reducing European-based medium-range nuclear missiles, the sources said.

He will brief his hosts on talks he had on the subject last month at the United Nations in New York, notably with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, the sources added.

The current state of North-South dialogue before the 22-nation summit at the end of this month in Cancun also is to be discussed.

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Nott hints at updating submarine system

HONG KONG, Oct. 3 (AFP) — Visiting British Defense Secretary John Nott said Saturday Britain should update its submarine missile system by adopting the D-5 nuclear missiles in line with the modernization program announced by U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

He said detailed negotiations with the Americans were taking place on the new missiles although no political decision on a switch to the sophisticated system had been taken.

The British defense secretary, on a tour of Asia, said that it made sense for Britain to follow the example of the United States by adopting the D-5 nuclear missile system for its Trident nuclear submarines.

Reagan ordered the continuing construc-

tion of Trident submarines at the rate of one per year for the period 1982-87 and the development of larger and more accurate sea-based ballistic missiles known as Trident 2 or D-5.

The U.S. administration will deploy several hundred nuclear-armed Cruise missiles in some existing submarines. Nott said the D-5 could double the nuclear warhead capacity with a slightly increased range over the planned C-4 system.

"If the United States is moving to the new system there must be advantage to keeping alongside. Even though it would cost five billion pounds sterling, it will last well into the next century," he added.

Case of 'arrested' potatoes

Robbery angers Russians

MOSCOW, Oct. 3 (R) — Russians are getting all steamed up about what *Izvestia* newspaper has called the case of the "arrested" potatoes. Most of them think it is highway robbery. N. Kazmin of Rostov province in southern Russia, the owner of the missing potatoes, is boiling with anger, according to his letter of complaint in the government daily.

Kazmin, unable to buy a stock of potatoes for the winter in his own drought-hit province, drove north in his car at the end of August into neighboring Voronezh province. He bought 216 kilos of potatoes for 125 roubles (\$1.80) at a local private peasant market and headed for home.

But on his way out of the village he was stopped by a police sergeant who confiscated his driving license and took him and his wife to the station. "On what basis are we being detained?" Kazmin demanded. He was told the chairman on the local town council had ordered the police to stop all vehicles carrying potatoes and force drivers to sell the arrested vegetables to the state.

Kazmin refused and went with two other drivers whose potatoes had also been impounded to tackle the town council chairman in person. "When comrade Pisarev learned why we had come, he started shouting at us, called us speculators and used all kinds of coarse language. I looked at him and could not believe that a representative of Soviet power could behave like that," Kazmin wrote to *Izvestia*. When the council chairman shouted "get

out of my office or I shall have you all locked up," Kazmin admitted defeat. He took his potatoes to the state purchasing office, where he received half of what he had paid for them.

"If we have 70 roubles missing from the family budget and no potatoes," Kazmin complained. His letter to *Izvestia* was backed up by people with similar stories to tell — not just about carloads but about whole truckloads of potatoes "arrested" by the police.

A trade union leader from the eastern Ukraine complained that he had sent a lorry to Gomel province in Byelorussia to buy potatoes for his construction workers. But on the way home the lorry was stopped by the police. "The lorry has been standing there three weeks and the potatoes are starting to spoil," he told *Izvestia*.

A lorry driver sent to Gomel province from Rostov to find potatoes was forced to sell at 12 kopecks a kilo what he had bought for 30 kopecks. And a group of workers from Kirovograd in the central Ukraine were even more unlucky. They paid 25 kopecks for their potatoes and were told to sell them for eight kopecks.

Izvestia published the letters without comment. But its decision to air the writers' grievances suggested that their complaints were seen as justified. A large proportion of the Soviet potato crop, a staple food in many areas, is grown and sold privately. But last year's harvest was disastrous and they have been in short supply this year as well.

E. German lawyer fixes spy swap

BONN, Oct. 3 (AFP) — Wolfgang Vogel, a brilliant East German lawyer whose role as a middleman has allowed the passage of some 16,000 dissidents to the West, has resurfaced as a key figure in the spy swap in which master agent Guenter Guillaume returned home to East Berlin Thursday.

Vogel, 56, began earning his reputation as a discreet but highly effective negotiator in

Spain proposes more prison cells

MADRID, Oct. 3 (R) — The Spanish cabinet has responded to a hunger strike by prisoners seeking reforms when it sent to parliament proposals for more courts, more cells and more prison staff. An official note said Friday the proposals submitted to the Cortes followed a report by Justice Minister Pio Cabanillas Gallas on the five-day strike by a

third of Spain's 22,000 prisoners.

The strike ended Thursday when inmates said they would give the government a month to meet their demands for speedier trials and an end to overcrowding. Cabanillas told the cabinet his ministry would spend \$80 million in 1982 on new jails and hoped to have more than 3,800 new cells by the end of next year.



MISSILE LAUNCH: An artist's rendering released by the United States Defense Department in Washington recently shows the Soviet SS-19 ICBM being launched from the Soviet Union to targets in the United States. The SS-19 is equipped with multiple, independently targetable re-entry vehicle-missiles with improved reliability, range, payload accuracy and survivability.

MX steps up arms race, Tass says

MOSCOW, Oct. 3 (R) — The Soviet news agency Tass has said President Ronald Reagan's decision to build 100 MX nuclear missiles would step up the arms race between the two superpowers. "The United States has embarked on a sharp escalation of the nuclear arms race," Tass said in a brief report on Reagan's announcement of the new program.

It then listed the other components of the

package, including proposals to build the B-1 bomber and develop the "stealth" strategic bomber designed to elude enemy radar.

Tass said Reagan's plans would cost U.S. taxpayers \$180 billion and said the new program meant a major step in the clear arms race unleashed by the present U.S. administration.

America backs poll in Salvador

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP) — The Reagan administration has reaffirmed its support for free elections to end guerrilla warfare in El Salvador and called on other nations to help make such elections possible.

Alan Romberg, the department's deputy spokesman, said Deputy Assistant Secretary Everett D. Briggs has completed Friday a three-day visit to El Salvador in which he discussed with government officials there ways the United States might help facilitate elections.

Romberg said Briggs suggested that other nations interested in a political solution in El Salvador "might wish to send representatives to learn at first hand about prospects for Democratic elections and what they might do to assist in the process."

He said Briggs met with members of the Salvadoran elections council and members of the ruling junta, as well as with representatives of the established political parties and groups intending to register as parties.

Romberg reported that none of the left-wing groups fighting the junta expressed any desire to talk with Briggs and that he did not meet with any of them. Critics of U.S. policy in El Salvador have suggested elections would be futile unless the guerrilla organizations participate.

"Mr. Briggs found widespread support for the idea of elections as well as a willingness on the part of the elections council and the government to address and resolve problems encountered on the way toward elections in 1982," Romberg said.

In response to questions he said this includes a willingness to address death threats directed at foreign observers interested in the elections process.

"We encourage contact and discussions between the various political elements in El Salvador to ensure the fullest possible participation in forthcoming elections," he said.

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SDP faces identity crisis

LONDON, Oct. 3 (AFP) — The British Social Democrat Party (SDP), founded six months ago by a breakaway moderate faction in the Labor Party, will be striving to assume the semblance and stature of a valid national political party at its first annual conference which opens Sunday.

The conference, due to last six days, is being held in three different cities in England and Scotland, the delegates shuttling successively by special train from one venue to another.

On this week the fledgling SDP was confronted with a serious identity crisis when Labor's moderate wing emerged marginally stronger than its more vocal extreme left at the annual party conference in Brighton, with the moderate Denis Healey narrowly re-elected deputy leader over the left-wing's champion, Tony Benn.

It was precisely because they felt the left-wingers were prevailing that the SDP's four co-founders, former Labor ministers Shirley Williams, David Owen, William Rodgers and Roy Jenkins, quit to form their own party — a defection the outcome of the Brighton conference appears to have rendered unnecessary, if only in the short term.

For this development has abruptly deprived the SDP of a good part of its original *raison d'être* — that of providing the moderate left-of-center electorate with a political alternative to an extremist-dominated Labor Party. Now the SDP's appeal must simply

consist of offering traditional labor ideology in a somewhat diluted form.

The main elements in the SDP's program are decentralization, multilateral disarmament and full British commitment to the European Economic Community. Another keynote of its electoral message is that the SDP, unlike the other political parties, intends to be the authentic embodiment of its supporters' views.

The Social Democrats now have 17 representatives in the House of Commons. All but one are defectors from the Labor Party, the odd man out being a former Conservative member. The latest SDP recruit quit the Labor benches less than two days ago.

Before the Brighton conference, the privately voiced hope of the SDP leadership was that other disaffected Labor members would come rallying to them, for it was widely expected that Benn's extremist faction would carry the day. That hope has now been dashed, and political observers here do not expect in the near future more than two further Labor defections at the most.

If the SDP is to live up to expectations as a viable alternative to the Labor Party it will have to work extremely hard. Its leaders, who claim the party has a 60,000-strong following in the country, must now confound the critics and demonstrate at this first national conference that the SDP is a true political entity, with a proper party structure and convincing goals.

After 2-year stalemate

OPEC, West agree to give IFAD \$1.1b

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (R) — Industrial and oil-producing countries agreed to contribute \$1.1 billion to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) between now and the end of 1983.

The compromise agreement caps nearly two years of negotiations on funding for the United Nations agency which provides low-interest loans to help developing countries expand food production, improve nutrition and fight poverty.

Abdelmuis Al-Sudeary, the agency's president, told reporters the understanding came during informal sessions at the annual meeting in Washington of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

Industrial countries belonging to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) would provide \$620 million to IFAD, he said. Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would provide at least \$420 million, and would seek approval from the OPEC ministerial council to add \$30 million to the contribution, Sudeary said.

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Soviet oil output hits 455m tons

MOSCOW, Oct. 3 (AP) — The Soviet Union extracted 455 million metric tons of crude oil in the first nine months of this year, Radio Moscow reported Saturday, a record output for the period. Production in the same 1980 period was 450 million metric tons, according to Soviet statistics.

Radio Moscow said the Soviet oil ministry attributed the record output to the development of new oil fields in western Siberia.

The country's oil production goal for all of 1981 is 610 million metric tons or 12.2 million barrels a day.

To achieve this target, output will have to reach 155 million metric tons in the last three months of this year. First quarter output was 150 million tons and second quarter output 151 million tons, the government said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Gas Industry Minister Yuri Zaitsev said in an article released Friday that Russia will start drilling for oil and gas in the Barents Sea.

Zaitsev, writing in the monthly magazine *Gazovaya Promstil'nost* (gas industry), said a research vessel would start drilling at the end of 1981.

He did not say exactly where the drilling take place. Norway and the Soviet Union are in dispute about territorial limits in the Barents Sea, which lies between their joint

East bloc, 3rd World ties expand

GENEVA, Oct. 3 (R) — The United Nations has reported a major increase in economic and technical cooperation between the European Communist bloc and the Third World over the last 10 years.

A review prepared for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) board meeting here said that 90 cooperation agreements were now in force, compared with 62 in 1970.

Over the last ten years, the volume of Communist countries' obligations under sue accords had tripled, with more than 3,000 projects established and a new trend toward

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Standard Telephones and Cables, British subsidiary of ITT, has booked a £170 million (\$300 million) order for laying a submarine telecommunication cable between Australia and Canada. It won the order against Japanese competition. STC is the world's top supplier of submarine telecom cables. This one will go from Sydney to Vancouver, and should be completed in 1984.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Plans for producing French Renault cars in India have run into trouble, the *Economic Times* newspaper said. It said state-owned Maruti, which is negotiating, sees car output on lines intended by the heavy industry department to be a mistake. Such a program would need big government subsidies, it reportedly feels.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Standard Oil of Ohio (SOHO) has bought most of U.S. steel's coal deposits for \$700 million. The deal covers 700 million tons, and U.S. steel will retain only 60 million tons, the companies said. SOHO is the top producer of oil in the U.S., although it is number 14 oil company. It has 1,400 million tons of coal

reserves through its subsidiary Old Ben Coal.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — The government has identified six projects that could be financed under a 77 million pound line of credit from Britain. They relate to power generation, railways and processing of farm produce, the *Business Times* said. British Minister of State Peter Rees has been in talks with Malaysian officials on how available from British firms in these sectors.

LIMA, (AFP) — Work was resumed at Peru's chief copper mines after a four-day strike. The 6,000 workers at Toquepala and Cusco mines run by Southern Peru Copper Corporation obtained the return of 108 sacked colleagues. The company put its losses at \$1 million a day. The two mines produce 75 percent of Peru's copper, or 290,000 tons per annum.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Orders booked by U.S. manufacturing industry declined 1.9 percent in August, the first monthly drop so far this year, the commerce department reports.

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U.K. records \$815m fall in reserves

LONDON, Oct. 3 (AFP) — British reserves — gold and foreign currency — dropped by \$815 million in September, the second greatest monthly drain since the sterling crisis of 1979.

The Bank of England's use of reserves to support the pound is theoretically only supposed to take place to soften fluctuations and to fight against exchange rate trends. The size of the losses suggested that the government, at least temporarily, was abandoning its official policy of letting the pound float. Reserves in September touched their lowest level since December, 1979.

The pound was weakened by the flight of capital from Britain, and the outflow accelerated last month because of the firmness of the U.S. interest rates, lower oil price that hurt Britain's position as a producer, and a worsening outlook within the country.

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The House of Representatives trimmed proposed funding for the first year to \$40.5 million from the proposed \$45 million and some members of the Senate will try to cut it even more when the issue comes up there. But Sudeary expressed confidence that Congress would eventually approve the full \$180 million for IFAD.

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U.S. lifted its ban on oil products

Over 396m tons Record rice output forecast

LONDON, Oct. 3 (AFP) — Another world rice crop is in prospect for 1981, the International Wheat Council (IWC) said in its latest report.

The final turnout is still uncertain because the greater proportion of the crop will not be harvested until the end of the calendar year.

But the paddy crop should exceed the 1980 record of 396 million metric tons by some 10 million tons. Much will depend on the major growing areas in Far East, notably India, it added.

In China, the world's largest producer, the early crop was officially estimated at 50 million tons, or one million tons more than in 1980. Output of later harvested crops should also increase, despite flood damage.

Thailand, a major exporter, has favorable

prospects, although there has been some concern about recent dryness. Indonesia, normally a significant importer, has harvested a "large crop."

Prospects are also favourable in Bangladesh, Burma, Japan, Pakistan and the Philippines. The United States is expecting a record crop. Stocks are projected "substantially higher" at the end of the 1981/82 season, even if exports exceed the forecast level of 3.8 million tons.

While the world production outlook is "still tentative," it is likely that supplies will remain ample well into 1982, the IWC said. Global stocks are currently higher, and export availabilities should be sufficient to cover any potential deficit.

The Soviet Union Friday agreed to buy 10 million tons of U.S. grain in addition to eight million already contracted for. President Reagan lifted the U.S. embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union in April.

But Sonoda, who last month met Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in New York, said Japan would continue providing the Soviet Union with official credits only on a case-by-case basis. Japan's original three-point sanctions included restraints on high-level exchanges of government personnel aimed at promoting friendship, careful scrutiny of official loans to Soviet development projects and the boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

Japan may ease curbs against Russia

TOKYO, Oct. 3 (R) — Japan is likely to ease economic sanctions against the Soviet Union, imposed together with the United States and West European countries following the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, Foreign Minister Sumao Sonoda has said.

Commenting on American-Soviet grain agreement, he told reporters "now that the United States has eased its sanctions against the Soviet Union, Japan cannot remain alone without easing (its sanctions)."

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Stricter lending

IMF's chief claims full support for policy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP) — Jacques de Larosiere, head of the International Monetary Fund, said Friday he believes he has unanimous international support for its lending policy.

He spoke at a news conference summing up the results of 10 days of meetings by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Before the meetings, U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan had said that IMF should be stricter about loans to poor countries. Later, he said that the IMF had been stricter lately, and he wanted it to stay strict.

BL staff union threatens strike

LONDON, Oct. 3 (AP) — Unions representing 58,000 manual workers at British Leyland Motors, the financially troubled motor corporation, rejected Friday a 3.8 percent pay raise offered by the company and called for a strike Nov. 1.

Grenville Hawley, head of the automotive division of the Transport and General Workers Union, called the offer from the state-owned corporation "shocking and disgraceful."

He said the 11 unions at British Leyland were seeking a 20 percent, across-the-board increase which the company has rejected. Average wage at British Leyland is around £100 pounds (\$180) per week.

The company's offer was in line with the Conservative government's limit of 4 percent on all raises in the current round of wage bargaining in state-owned or controlled corporations.

The strike recommendation by the negotiators would have to be approved by members of the individual unions before becoming effective.

Talks on EMS parities open

BRUSSELS, Oct. 3 (AP) — The European monetary committee began talks here Saturday to decide whether to recommend a change of currency parities in the European Monetary System (EMS), according to European sources here.

If the committee recommends a change in EMS parities the finance ministers of the system's eight member countries (the 10 European Economic Community countries except Britain and Greece) will in their turn meet here Saturday night or early Sunday, the sources said.

Following this week's meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Brussels there has been increasing speculation in EEC capitals that an EMS shake-up was imminent.

In Frankfurt, stock exchange circles Friday it was rumored that the parity change would

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SIGNS OF RECOVERY: A broker gestures to stop an offering among a crowd of sellers and buyers at the Paris stock exchange Tuesday as French and foreign stock prices recovered most of the ground lost during a steep decline of Monday in what traders said was a purely technical recovery. (AP Wirephoto)

Wall Street

Investors' resistance to Reagan plan eases

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (AP) — As some central elements of President Ronald Reagan's U.S. economic program go into effect, tentative signs have appeared of an easing in the recent strains between Washington and Wall Street.

The stock market has steadied, at least for the moment, after staging a dramatic rebound Monday. Short-term interest rates have declined enough to lower the average yield of money-market mutual funds by more than a percentage point to around 16 percent.

And after the process of adjusting to the prospect of a recession possibly lasting into early 1982, some analysts lately have been issuing more upbeat appraisals of the longer-term economic outlook.

On Thursday, Reagan cited a letter he received last month from Wall Street leaders as evidence that the much-discussed gulf between the political and financial centers was not so wide after all.

In the letter, made public by the Securities Industry Association at the time it was drafted, leaders of the trade group said Reagan's program "enjoys overwhelming support" among Wall Streeters.

The letter also noted, however, that it was likely to take a while for the tax — and

budget-cutting program to begin to show results and, similarly, for investors to be persuaded of its merits. After hitting its lowest levels of the year in early trading Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average recovered to post only its second weekly gain since July. It closed Friday at 860.73, up 36.72 from the previous Friday's close.

The New York stock exchange composite index rose 3.90 to 68.86, and the American stock exchange market value index which took a whopping 16 percent drop for September as a whole, managed a 30.91 gain to 307.67. Big board volume averaged 49.59 million shares a day, against 49.47 million the week before.

"Investors remain hopeful that President Reagan can still pull a rabbit out of the hat," said Edward Yardeni, economist at E.F. Hutton and Co.

Firms like Merrill Lynch Economics and the Value Line Investment Survey have issued optimistic reports over the past few days on the outlook for the economy by this time next year.

"In our view, prospects remain favorable for the economy by the middle of 1982," said

Albert H. Cox Jr., president of Merrill Lynch Economics. "We are looking for growth to accelerate by next spring, and for inflation to decline somewhat further, along with interest rates."

Value Line, which forecasts "a broad investment boom as the decade progresses," also acknowledges some potential pitfall in the more immediate future. The Investment Advisory Service says "a mild recession" began in the second quarter of this year, and will likely last through the early months of 1982, with a potentially strong recovery to follow.

"But the economy still has to get from here to there," it said. "The pain of the journey must be endured for another half-year." Value Line also conceded that several things could go wrong with its optimistic script. A renewed surge in interest rates, possibly prompted by heavy government borrowing, could leave many a business in distress.

Also it said, "should political pressures force the administration to back off from its program, long-term investors might scale back major programs now in the planning stage."

Japan, Iran talks on joint project fail

TOKYO, Oct. 3 (AFP) — Japanese and Iranian partners remain wide apart on how to deal with problems at a giant petrochemical complex in southern Iran despite talks between the Iranian company's president and Japanese investors held here over the past week.

Karoku Yamaguchi, president Industrial and Chemical Development Company (ICDC), the Japanese partner in the project, told reporters Friday night that he had discussed the matter with the visiting president of Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co. (IJP), H. Dabiri.

But they could not narrow the gap in views as Dabiri rejected a Japanese request that additional costs for the project be borne by Iran. The Japanese side also requested that the bilateral agreement guaranteeing equal shares of the costs be revised, Yamaguchi said.

The joint project to construct a petrochemical complex in Bandar Khomeini has been suspended since last September because of the Iran-Iraq war.

Taipei to order 8 Dutch vessels

LONDON, Oct. 3 (AP) — Evergreen Line of the Republic of China is about to order eight containerships from Rijn-Schelde-Vervloome yard in the Netherlands for at least \$350 million *Lloyd's List* has reported.

These highly automated ships will be used between Europe and the Far East, the journal said. This was the second largest order for this type of vessel recorded so far. United Arab Shipping Company recently ordered nine ships for \$400 million.

Evergreen, which already has some 30 ships carrying out an expansion program at the present time, *Lloyd's List* noted.

China records \$400m trade gain

PEKING, Oct. 3 (AP) — China showed a foreign trade surplus of \$400 million for the first eight months of 1981, the English-language newspaper *China Daily* reported Saturday.

The newspaper quoted Zhou Shiyi, the head of the Chinese Export Bureau, as saying Chinese exports amounted to \$12,800 million while imports were worth \$12,400 million during that period.

The figures showed a 12.4 percent increase for exports and an 8.7 percent hike for imports over the first eight months of last year, Zhou told the *China Daily*.

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Dodgers trounce Astros

Brewers strengthen position

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (AP) — Ben Oglivie stamped a two-run homer, while Paul Molitor and Robin Yount also knocked in two runs apiece, leading Milwaukee to an 8-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers Friday night as the Brewers widened their lead to 1 1/2 games in the American League West.

Meanwhile, Jerry Reuss fired a four-hitter as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat Houston 6-1 and prevented the Astros from clinching the second-half National League West Title. The Astros need only one more victory in the next two games with the Dodgers or a loss by Cincinnati to make the playoffs.

The Montreal Expos strengthened their position in the NL East with a 3-0 victory over the New York Mets while the second-place St. Louis Cardinals were losing 8-7 to the Pittsburgh Pirates. The results left the Expos with a 1 1/2-game lead over the Cardinals and

gave them the opportunity to clinch a playoff berth with a victory Saturday.

Moose Haas, 11-7, scattered five hits and struck out eight for the Brewers, who could clinch the division's "second season" championship by winning the second game of the three-game series with the second-place Tigers Saturday. The Brewers' victory and Boston's 11-4 defeat at Cleveland eliminated the third-place Red Sox.

Steve pitched a two-hitter, facing only one over the minimum number of batters, and Warren Cromartie and Andre Dawson each homered to lead Montreal. Pinch-hitter Mike Easler rapped a tie-breaking double in the bottom of the ninth off reliever Sutter to key a 14-hit assault as the Atlanta

Standings

National League		American League	
East	West	East	West
Montreal	29 22 .569	30 21 .588	—
St. Louis	27 23 .540	1/2	—
Y-N-Philadelphia	24 26 .480	4 1/2	—
Y-New York	23 27 .460	5 1/2	3
Y-Chicago	22 27 .449	6	—
Y-Pittsburgh	21 31 .403	8 1/2	7
West		West	
Houston	32 19 .627	—	—
Cincinnati	30 20 .600	1 1/2	—
Y-San Francisco	26 21 .571	3	—
Y-N-Los Angeles	26 25 .510	7 1/2	—
Y-Atlanta	24 26 .480	7 1/2	—
Y-San Diego	16 35 .314	16	—
X-first-half Division winner		Y-Eliminated from second season playoff contention	
Z-Clinched playoff berth.		Y-Clinched playoff berth.	

Davis Cup roundup

Argentina, U.S. take firm grip in semis

LONDON, Oct. 3 (R) — Argentina and the United States both took a firm grip on their Davis Cup semifinal tennis ties when they won the opening singles Friday.

Argentina took a 2-0 lead over Britain in Buenos Aires after Guillermo Vilas trounced Buster Mottram 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 and Jose Luis Clerc beat Richard Lewis 6-4, 6-4, 6-0.

The United States also gained a 2-0 lead against Australia in Portland, Oregon, when Roscoe Tanner beat Peter McNamara 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-2 and John McEnroe beat Mark Edmondson 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

The big serve and power play of Tanner finally overcame the immaculate backhand and delicate lobs of McNamara, ranked 10th in the world, after the Australian had pulled back from being two sets down to equal the match at 2-2.

With the crowd cheering on Tanner, ranked eighth in the world ratings, each player broke the other's service in the first two games of the tense and final fifth set. But Tanner, who served 19 aces during the match to five by McNamara, broke the Australian's service in the sixth and eighth games to

finally take the set 6-2.

This gave the United States a two match advantage in the best-of-five tournament. With McEnroe teaming up with his U.S. Open and Wimbledon Doubles champion partner Peter Fleming in the doubles Saturday, the United States is a strong favorite to win the semifinal after only three matches. The Americans take on McNamara and Phil Dent in the doubles.

McEnroe, who was below his best form, overwhelmed Edmondson in the opening match series.

Edmondson was unable to take advantage when McEnroe had trouble with his first serve and often was left flat-footed when McEnroe returned fast low drives skimming along the sidelines. But Edmondson recovered his confidence in bursts and took McEnroe to deuce four times on McEnroe's service in the first set before the American finally won the game.

Edmondson told reporters after the match: "I didn't go out thinking I would lose, but I knew there was a great chance I would lose."

Ovett against sponsorship

BRISBANE, Oct. 3 (AP) — England's middle distance runner Steve Ovett says he will not capitalize on his athletic fame by accepting sponsorship now allowed by the International Olympic Committee.

In a surprising break from long-established tradition, the IOC meeting in Baden-Baden last week decided to allow athletes to accept advertising and promotional contracts.

"I won't do this," Ovett said Saturday. "Offeres have come along in the past and I've never accepted them. "Any money from this source would be better if it went to the younger competitors," said the 24-year-old star.

The world 800 and 1500 meters champion was speaking after he defeated up-and-coming Australian Star Michael Hillard in the 800-meter event at the Sgio Building Society Games.

The race, build as a highlight of the three-day meeting which has attracted almost 1000 competitors and officials from 19 countries, gave Ovett the chance to show his tremendous talent.

New Zealander Chris Rogers was the early leader but Hillard took the lead 600 meters from home. Ovett, who went into the race doubting his own fitness after a month's layoff and a reduced training program, won in

Braves outscored the Cincinnati Reds 11-5. Mike Schmidt, pinch-hitting in the bottom of the ninth with two out, hit a three-run homer to power the Philadelphia Phillies to a 9-7 victory over the Chicago Cubs. The San Diego-San Francisco game was rained out.

Pat Kelly knocked in four runs, three with a double, to pace Cleveland's victory.

Frank White collected three hits and Dennis Leonard pitched a seven-hitter to lead Kansas City past Oakland 3-0 in a preview of the American League Western Division playoffs.

The Royals now lead the A's by 2 1/2 games. If the A's win the final two games of this series, the Royals would have to go to Cleveland for a double-header Monday to determine if one or two of the five-game division playoff series would be held in Kansas City.

The A's as division winners in the first half of the season, are guaranteed three of the games in Oakland.

Gary Ward hit two singles, scored a run and knocked in a run to lead Minnesota to a 3-2 victory over Chicago. Dave Winfield clubbed two homers and Graig Nettles hit one as each drove in three runs to lead New York to a 9-0 victory over Baltimore.

Results: National League: Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 7; Atlanta 11, Cincinnati 5; Montreal 3, New York 0; Philadelphia 9, Chicago 7; Los Angeles 6; Houston 1; San Diego at St. Francisco rained out.

American League: New York 9, Baltimore 0; Cleveland 11, Boston 4; Milwaukee 8, Detroit 2; Minnesota 3, Chicago 2; Kansas City 3; Oakland 0; Texas 8, California 6, 10 innings; Seattle 8, Toronto 3.



Trevor Brooking

Brooking helps West Ham to a point

Ipswich wastes 3-1 lead

LONDON, Oct. 3 (R) — Ipswich, swept out of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup in midweek by Scottish Club Aberdeen, faltered again Saturday with a 4-3 defeat at Southampton in the English First Division.

But they clung to the leadership, one point ahead of West Ham United and Swansea. West Ham drew 2-2 at Birmingham and Swansea took a point away from Liverpool in another 2-2 draw.

Without injured regulars Frans Thijssen and Alan Brazil, Ipswich could not keep the battling Southampton team at bay.

John Wark gave Ipswich the lead within 27 seconds, before a Southampton player had touched the ball, and they were 3-1 up after 34 minutes. But a tremendous second-half rally by Southampton brought two goals from David Armstrong and another from Steve Moran to seal the league leader's fate.

Results

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE		DIVISION THREE	
Birmingham	2	West Ham	3
Brighton	4	Manchester City	1
Leeds	1	Aston Villa	1
Liverpool	2	Swansea	2
Manchester United	5	Wolverhampton	0
Notts County	2	Arsenal	1
Southampton	3	Sheffield	2
Stoke	3	Watford	4
Sheffield	0	Coventry	2
Tottenham	3	Newport	2
Wor. Bromwich	2	Middlesbrough	0
DIVISION TWO		PREMIER DIVISION	
Bolton	1	Grimsby	2
Cambridge	1	Chelsea	0
Cardiff	2	Newcastle	4
Charlton	1	Derby	1
Leicester	1	Cyrus Palace	1
Norwich	1	Widnes	2
QPR	0	Luton	3
Queen Park Rangers	2	Blackburn	0

In World Youth Soccer

Aussies score upset win

SYDNEY, Oct. 3 (AP) — Australia snatched a glorious last minute 2-1 victory over defending champion Argentina in a sensational opening to the World Youth Soccer Championships at the Sydney Sports Ground Saturday.

After a scoreless first half more than 1,000 people invaded the field when substitute striker Ian Hunter smacked the ball into the net seconds before the referee blew his whistle.

Argentina had taken the lead from a penalty in the 57th minute through Jorge Burruaga and Mark Koussas levelled the scores with 10 minutes remaining.

Referee Jarguz of Poland had his hands full throughout the match and had to issue two yellow cards against Argentine players in the first half for over-vigorous tactics.

England may have won the match but Cameroon won the hearts of the crowd with their entertaining display.

The game ended 2-0 for the British team which was all but outplayed for long periods of the first half by the talented, attacking

Kiwis brighten chances

AUCKLAND, Oct. 3 (AP) — New Zealand took a major step toward qualifying for next year's World Cup finals in Spain by defeating China 1-0 in an Asia-Oceania Final zone match here Saturday.

The win gives New Zealand three qualifying points from two games, after the Kiwis drew 0-0 with China in Peking last week.

New Zealand manager, John Adshead, said after the game that his side will probably need seven points from the six games in the round to be one of the two sides in the group, the others are Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain next year.

Saturday's clash was a lively affair in contrast to last week's edgy encounter, but once again clear-cut goal chances were few and far between.

Chinese goalkeeper Li Fusheng dealt well with four of five early attempts, and was hardly seriously tested until one minute before half-time when New Zealand scored what proved to be the winner.

Defender Ricky Herbert was the scorer after the home team's most experienced player, 32-year-old Brian Turner had flicked

on a corner kick with a neat header across the goal mouth. Herbert latched on to the loose ball and slammed the ball home.

Best included

Meanwhile, George Best, the former Manchester United star, is included in Northern Ireland's World Cup squad against Scotland in Belfast on October 14.

Everything will depend on how the 35-year-old Northern Ireland star performs in Monday's friendly between his American Club San Jose Earthquakes and his former Scottish club Hibs.

The Northern Ireland squad is Jennings (Arsenal), Platt (Middlesbrough), McNamee (Stoke), C. Nicholl (Southampton), J. O'Neill (Leicester), McLelland (Glasgow Rangers), J. Nicholl (United) Nelson (Brighton), Donaghy (Luton), Everton), Sloan (United), Best (San Jose Earthquakes), McCreary (Tulsa Roughnecks), M. O'Neill (City), McIlroy (United), Anderson (Linfield), Finney (Cambridge), McElhinney (Bolton), Spence (Southend), Armstrong (Watford), Brotherton (Blackburn), Hamilton (Burnley).

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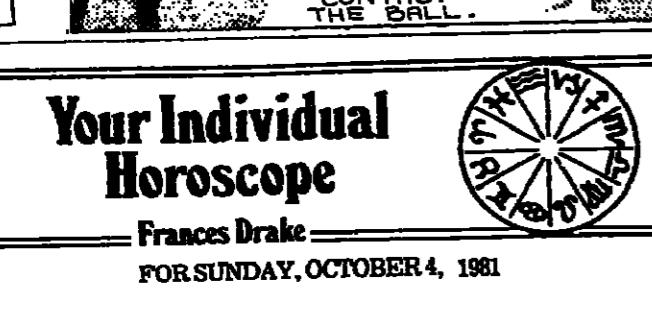
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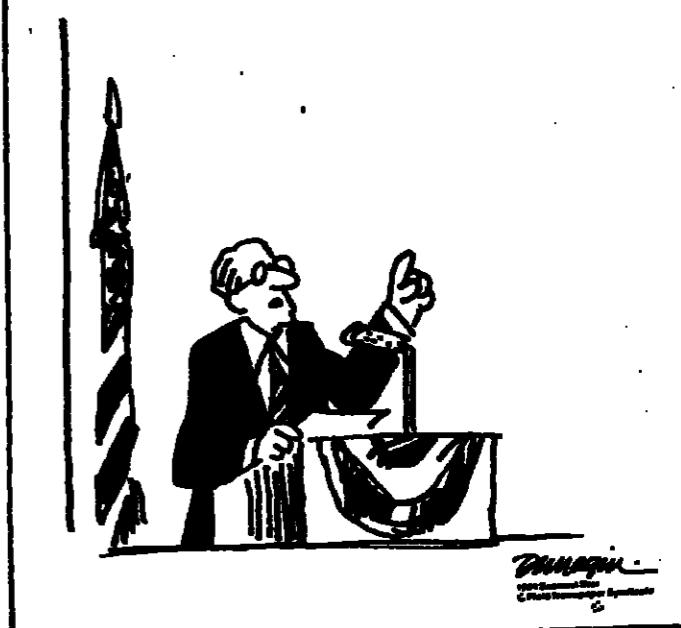
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10:30 Arabic Series	9:00 English News
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10:30 Arabic Series	9:45 Arabic Programs
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6:30 Religious Symposium	8:35 Great Affairs
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Commonwealth debates Cancun approach

United stand likely on N-S summit

CANBERRA, Oct. 3 (R) — Commonwealth leaders relaxed in chill sunshine Saturday and talked informally about stitching together a common approach to bridging the gulf between the world's rich and poor countries. Taking a weekend break from their summit conference which opened in Melbourne Wednesday, the leaders met in small groups at the secluded residence of Australia's governor-general, Sir Zelman Cowen.

They discussed the collective view they will present to the 22-nation meeting in Cancun, Mexico, later this month. Seven of the 45 Commonwealth countries will be in Cancun for the "North-South" summit and a Commonwealth secretariat spokesman said the emphasis here was on economic issues.

"They were pulling the strands together," the spokesman said. "They were seeing how they could pull together in a collective way." The weekend retreat, a traditional feature of Commonwealth conferences, gave the leaders a chance to confer casually away from the formal meetings in Melbourne which resume Monday.

A consistent theme for the Commonwealth leaders here and in Melbourne has been worsening problems of the world's poorer countries — what Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal called "a really quite dreadful and frightening state of affairs."

The nations at the Commonwealth summit, which include one-quarter of the world's population, are keen that their seven representatives at Cancun at least understand the views of the rich and poor among them. The seven are Britain, Canada, Nigeria, India, Tanzania, Bangladesh and Guyana. The leaders discussed Namibia (Southwest Africa) but are not expected to go into the question more deeply until they return to Melbourne for a debate on Southern Africa next week.

One problem that apparently cannot be pushed aside during this year's summit is the question of Commonwealth sporting links with South Africa. New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon has insisted on raising the issue — and the Commonwealth's reaction to this year's South African rugby tour of his country — at Canberra against the wishes of most other Commonwealth leaders.

Muldoon told reporters Saturday he had brought up the issue with a number of leaders, even though Commonwealth and delegation spokesman said earlier that the question had not arisen here.

Asked about criticism of his position by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Muldoon told reporters: "I suppose when you have been in the jungle for a few years shooting people, you cannot understand... But it's a bit difficult for New Zealand... He's been fighting for years, running around shooting people. He's got a closed mind."

Muldoon wants African leaders to accept that he did not contravene the Commonwealth agreement which discourages sporting links with Pretoria when he refused to halt the South African rugby tour. But most of the prime ministers and presidents gathered here said they did not want the issue raised, preferring to focus their attention on what they regard as more pressing matters.

Meanwhile, Nigerian President Shehu Shagari arrived in Canberra Saturday to join 40 other Commonwealth leaders taking part in the heads of government meetings. The arrival of the Nigerian head of the state was delayed because he had to attend National Day celebrations in Lagos.

He was immediately given a briefing on the discussions that have been going on here on the controversial problems of Southern Africa. President Shagari is expected to have a considerable impact on discussion of the African issues and to press for a strong condemnation of South Africa in the final communique.



SHARING A SMILE: Queen Elizabeth shares a smile with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and her husband, Prince Philip, in Melbourne, as they pose with Commonwealth heads of government. At right are Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, with New Zealand Premier Robert Muldoon standing directly behind the queen.

Sharp criticism in Congress

U.S. embarks on \$180b nuclear plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has announced a \$180 billion nuclear arms modernization program designed to counter what he sees as a growing Soviet military threat to the Western world.

The program announced Friday includes production of at least 100 new intercontinental MX missiles, some to be based initially in existing underground silos, and a new B-1 bomber. Both weapons will join the U.S. arsenal by 1986. A "stealth" bomber, intended to be nearly invisible to enemy radar, will be developed to fly in the 1990s.

The president's plan drew sharp criticism from some of his staunchest supporters in Congress, including Republican Sen. John Tower, chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Tower said it did not go far enough and noted Reagan had put off a final decision on deploying the MX until at least 1984.

Reagan said his plan would restore "that margin of safety needed for the protection of the American people." He added the program

will signal our resolve to maintain the strategic balance, and this is the keystone for any genuine arms regulation agreement with the Soviets."

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass called the Reagan plan a sharp escalation in the nuclear arms race.

Tower criticized Reagan's decision to embark on the costly B-1, shelved by President Carter in 1977, and not to shuttle the MX among many shelters in the western parts of the United States to protect them from Soviet attack as envisaged under the Carter "racetrack" plan.

There was mixed reaction from other congressional Republicans, with conservative Sen. Strom Thurmond praising the proposal to build 100 B-1s and two western senators praising Reagan's decision not to hide the MX in shelters in their states.

The first MX intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), more accurate than existing ICBMs, will initially be deployed in specially reinforced concrete silos now holding the old

Titan and Minuteman missiles. Those missiles will gradually be retired. Reagan said studies would be made to find more secure bases for the MX. Options being considered included burying them in mountainsides or basing them aboard aircraft capable of staying aloft for days at a time, he added.

Reagan's program, which he called the most sweeping since the Eisenhower presidency of the 1950s, also includes development of a larger and more accurate submarine-launched ballistic missile, the D-5. The D-5, defense officials said, would be able to hit any target in the Soviet Union from under the sea.

Reagan said production of ballistic missile submarines would continue at the rate of one a year and that nuclear missiles would be put on conventional submarines. He also announced steps to ensure the country was better warned against a Soviet attack and that if attacked the president or his successor could continue to carry out retaliatory strikes even under nuclear bombardment.

Reagan said the U.S.-Canadian air warning system would be modernized and the communications and control system inside the United States would be updated, to include "hardening" of airborne and ground command posts against Soviet attack. At least six new airborne warning and control system (AWACS) planes would be built, he said.

In Moscow, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Saturday that Reagan's decision to modernize U.S. intercontinental nuclear missiles was fraught with a danger of thermonuclear catastrophe. A signed Pravda editorial clearly prepared in anticipation of Reagan's announcement, said the missiles would open up new rifts between the United States and its West European allies.



Indonesia backs Salim

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Oct. 3 (AP) — Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja said Saturday that Indonesia would back the nomination of Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim as the new United Nations secretary-general.

Mochtar told reporters following talks with President Suharto that the nonsigned countries and the developing nations in the Group of 77 are also supporting Salim to replace incumbent Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, whose second term in office ends by December 1981. Kusumaatmadja returned here Friday night from the 36th U.N. General Assembly in New York.

Plane escapes firing

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 3 (AFP) — Mozambican soldiers opened fire on a South African light tourist plane Friday over the border with Swaziland but missed their target. The *Johannesburg Star* reported Saturday.

The pilot and South African businessman aboard the Cessna were circling above the Lebombo, Swaziland, border post awaiting authorization to cross into South African airspace, the paper said.

The issues have split the party in different ways, pitting the leadership, the rank-and-file and a combination of both the president on arms sales to Saudi Arabia, America's strategic nuclear arsenal and its defense costs in general.

The president now seems to be at odds with the Republican leadership in both the house and Senate over his proposal to trim defense spending by only \$2 billion in 1982 out of an overall \$13 billion second round budget cut. Within minutes of hearing the proposal, Republican leaders opened fire, calling for the defense cuts to be doubled.

And the latest dispute has pitted the chairman of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee, John Tower, against the president over his announcement that he will delay a decision on how to deploy the MX land-based missile.

The senator's opposition could present enormous long-term political problems for Reagan because it goes to the heart of the president's election promises to rebuild national defenses.

Congressional sources agreed that it was difficult to predict how the president would ultimately fire on any of the issues, although in each instance he appears headed for at least a bloody political fight.

The battle over defense cuts could drag on for months, delaying passage of the federal budget into next year. The fight over the MX missile and the president's plan to revive the B-1 bomber could last even longer. The result could be a shelving of both programs — the MX because of opposition from arms experts like Tower, the B-1 because of opposition from nearly everyone else.

Now the administration appears to have recognized, first, that the proposal faces serious chances of defeat in Congress, and secondly, that the implications of a defeat will be more far-reaching than the administration had anticipated. Not only will the United States face the possibility of cool future relations with Saudi Arabia and its Arab neighbors — which in itself has both financial and political serious implications — but Reagan will suffer a blow to his personal reputation as having lost his first major battle in Congress.

The administration still refuses to consider that the battle is lost, and it plans to push the proposal in Congress as a number one priority. With a vote on the House floor still almost two weeks away, Reagan hopes to meet both in closed and open sessions with congressional leaders in an attempt to salvage what could be the most burning issue of Reagan's term in office. The administration concedes, at least, that the negotiation process with the Kingdom can go on further, which means that the AWACS bill must stand on its own merits, or it cannot stand at all.

Former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski Friday night also blasted the Reagan administration's handling of the proposed AWACS sales, saying that the administration gave the opposition too much time to prepare a case against the sale.

"I think it (the administration) has handled the problem extraordinarily badly," Brzezinski told a small group of private citizens gathered at a home in Virginia. "The administration let it be known in February that it had decided to sell the AWACS and then proceeded not to put it before Congress, which means that the opponents to the administration had seven months to organize a case against the administration."

The adviser to former President Jimmy Carter said Reagan's team presented the proposal to Congress "in a vague, unclear way" so that congressional members were unable to distinguish the importance and need for the sale to go through. "From a tactical point of view, it's really a study in mismanagement."

"I think the consequences, if the sale does not pass, are going to be very high — not only for Mr. Reagan but for his ability to deal effectively with the Middle Eastern prob-

Solidarity calls for sharing of power

GDANSK, Poland, Oct. 3 (Agencies) — Arguments over the political future of Poland's independent Solidarity trade union continued Saturday despite re-election at the union's congress of Lech Wałęsa as leader backing a moderate line.

Two leaders of the disbanded dissident movement KOR, which paved the way for the Soviet bloc's first free trade union movement, argued with each other in the congress daily *Głos Wolny* (Free Voice) on whether Solidarity should join a coalition with the authorities or demand immediate free parliamentary elections. KOR dissolved itself earlier this week and asked Solidarity to carry on its cause.

But the arguments in the newspaper ran counter to the conciliatory statements made by Wałęsa Friday night after a re-election victory in which he roundly defeated three radical challengers.

Wałęsa said there had to be a balance of power between the unions, the ruling Communist Party and workers' self-management bodies. "I want to warn those unionists who are prodding us to seize the Sejm (parliament)," he said.

The second stage of the Solidarity congress, now in its eighth day and unlikely to end before Wednesday, went on Saturday with some 60 candidates vying for a 21-member audit commission and further discussion on future union policy. Wałęsa has said he will oppose attempts to insert radical demands in the program, on which the Soviet bloc assessment of the union will ultimately rest.

But in *Głos Wolny*, Antoni Maciarewicz argued with another former leader of KOR, Jacek Kuron, that there was no point in Solidarity joining a coalition with the authorities because there would be no guarantees that the union would have any real influence.

"Developments of the past year have shown that it is not possible to carry out urgent economic reforms without changing the political structure," said Maciarewicz.

He called Poland's postwar statehood a function of Soviet domination and said a political overthrow was feasible "but only at a price which would eventually be dictated by the Russians."

Maciarewicz questioned Kuron's concept of a committee of national salvation, saying that the instruments of power — the army, police, administration, information and economic policy — would remain beyond public control in such a coalition. He said the only way to break the deadlock was to hold free elections to the Sejm.

Wałęsa's victory over three radical opponents was less convincing than expected. But it was a clear win for moderation and provides Solidarity critics in the Soviet bloc with an opportunity to reappraise their stand. The Warsaw authorities and Moscow's other allies have long argued that Solidarity is in the hands of militant anti-Communists committed to overthrowing the government.

After winning with a 55 percent vote in the first ballot, Wałęsa told reporters that attempts to seize power would come to no good and that stability in Poland rested on a balance of power between the Communist establishment, the independent unions and workers' self-management bodies.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

When I was working in Jeddah, before coming to London, I knew a group of foreign journalists and diplomats who used to visit us in *Arab News*. What they had in common, beyond their interest in the latest from the wide world outside, was their love of the desert.

Every weekend they would rally forth to this or that spot out in the wilderness, then come back to rave about the "breath-taking dawn over the WADI" and the "unbelievable stars of Arabia's skies". They all talked like that for some reason. I always tried to help, offering cold lemonade or iced tea to bring their brain fevers down. Without much success.

They tried often to get me into the spirit of the thing. Talking about "unsightly nature" and so forth, but made it clear that I very much like my nature good and spoilt. My ideal for the good life is sipping coffee in the air-conditioned lounge of a great hotel, reading my newspaper and watching the people passing by.

One of them told the story of a great British explorer who walked (walked, mark me) the length and breadth of the Amazonian jungle. A great achievement like this, he said, can you beat it?

I said I wasn't the ability to walk, a fair number of years back and never felt the need to demonstrate it in such an extravagant fashion.

He said I was belittling a truly great man. Did I know that, at the end of his trek he discovered a totally unknown Indian tribe? Well, I said, they were perfectly known to themselves, and quite happy with it, too. Now they're in for the "blessings of civilization." God help them!

This fool of a lost tribe, he said, took one look at their great discoverer and, without as much as your leave put a spear right through him. They thought he was their enemy.

I'm very sorry for the old fellow, said.

I'm certain he meant no harm. But I do believe they were right.

Translated from *Arab Al-Awsat*

ETA admits ship bombing

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Oct. 3 (R) — The Basque separatist organization ETA has claimed responsibility for Friday's bomb attack on a Spanish naval destroyer in the northern port of Santander, the Basque newspaper *Egin* said Saturday.

It published a communiqué issued to Basque media which claimed responsibility for the attack, the name of ETA's military wing and promised a further statement in due course explaining the details and reasons for the bombing. The bomb, apparently placed on a jetty, tore a ten-foot gash below the destroyer's waterline but caused no injuries.

The 3,370-ton *Marques de la Ensenada* was one of half a dozen Spanish ships on special patrol duty along Spain's northern coast in an attempt to contain ETA activity. After provisional repairs in Santander the ship will be towed to the northwestern port of El Ferrol for a thorough inspection, military sources said.

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Brzezinski added that the administration was hurt both because President Reagan did not engage himself in the lobbying effort until late in the process and because the administration did not seek a joint proposal with the Carter administration.

"All of that, cumulatively, contributes to a sense of drift and disorder insofar as our Middle Eastern policy is concerned. There is no sense that there is any guiding thought, there is no sense of what it means of the strategic consensus — with whom, against what, and how?"

Responding to a question by *Arab News* about the prospect of gaining active lobbying efforts from former President Carter, Brzezinski said that Carter offered its help last year, but Reagan declined the offer. "They didn't inherit the problem from us, and nobody forced them to rush forward in February and announce the sale — at a time when they themselves didn't even know the conditions of the sale or when they would go to the hit to try to argue the sale."

He added that, considering that both administrations studied and decided independently to support the AWACS sale, there should have been a joint effort to promote it within the bipartisan Congress.

